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- >ARC/PLC 2022 Program Decision
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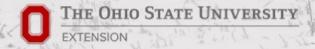
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February 16, 7 - 8:30 pm February 18, 10 - 11:30 am

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We will be back Mar. 16, 7-8:30 pm
Mar. 18, 10:00 – 11:30 am

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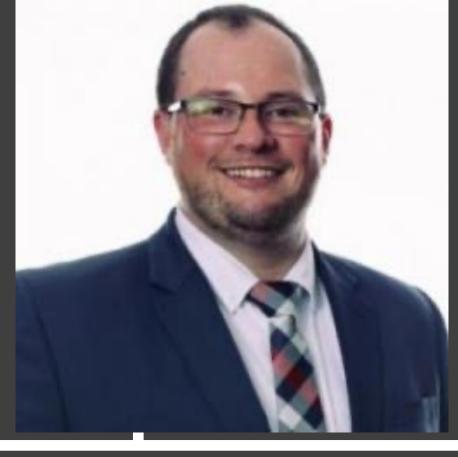
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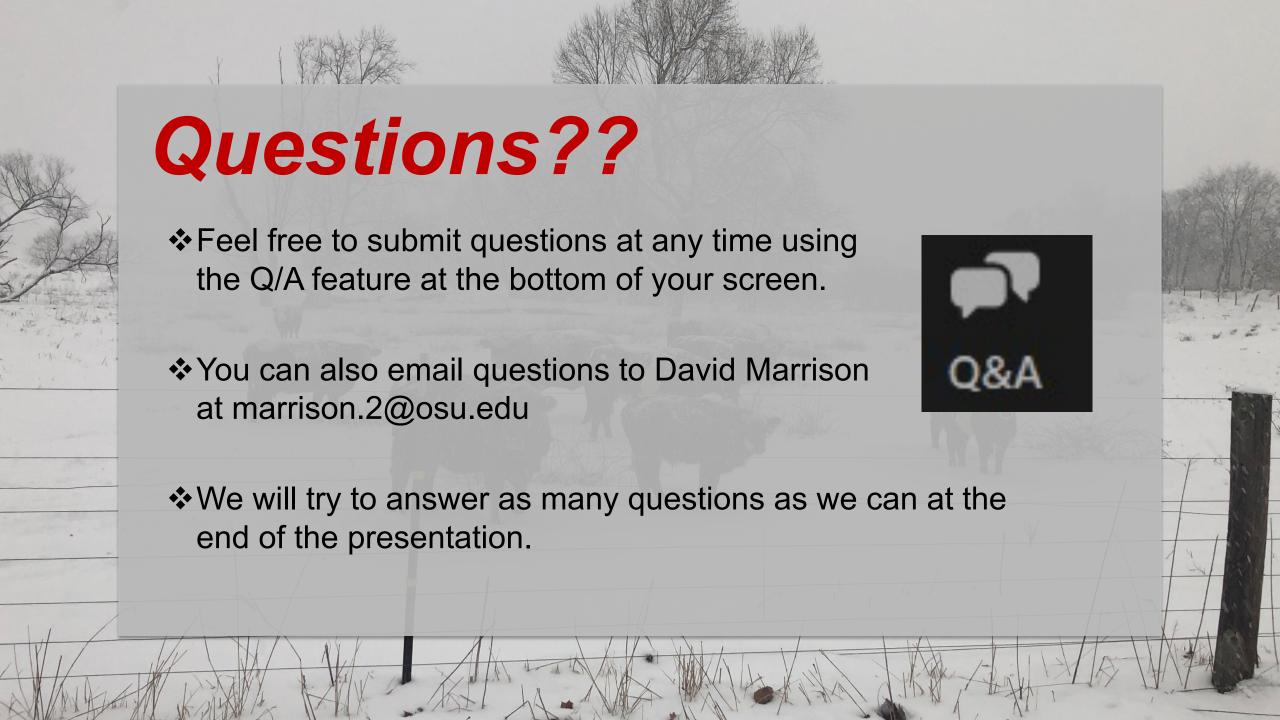




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Fertilizer Price Update Cash Rent Update

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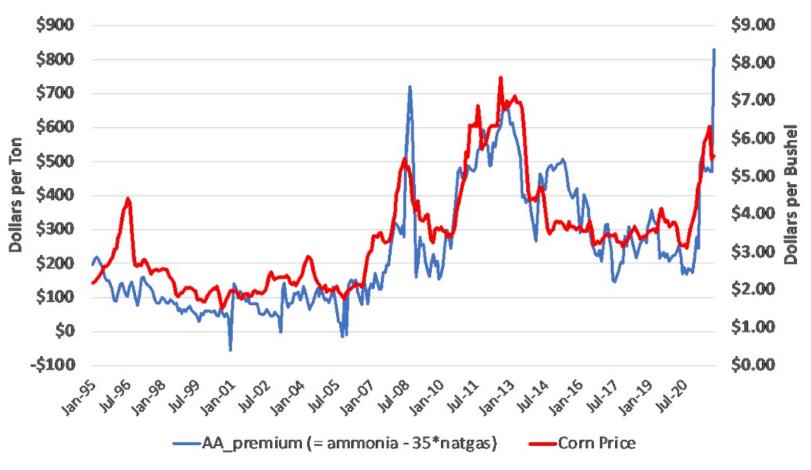
Ohio Fertilizer Price Summary

Source: CFAES Extension Survey

Summary									
Product	Locations	Average Jan. Pr	ice	ΔΝο	vember	Mir	nimum	Ma	ximum
28%	6	\$ 5	578	\$	(18)	\$	405	\$	640
Urea	6	\$ 9	908	\$	81	\$	845	\$	980
NH3	3	\$ 1,5	547	\$	590	\$	1,540	\$	1,550
MAP	4	\$ 9	910	\$	34	\$	898	\$	925
DAP	2	\$ 8	300	\$	(4)	\$	750	\$	850
10-34-0	6	\$ 8	359	\$	115	\$	685	\$	1,000
Potash	5	\$ 7	762	\$	15	\$	625	\$	825

Anhydrous Ammonia Price Less Value of Natural Gas and U.S. Corn Price January 1995 to October 2021.

Source: Texas A&M, Henry Hub, Bloomberg



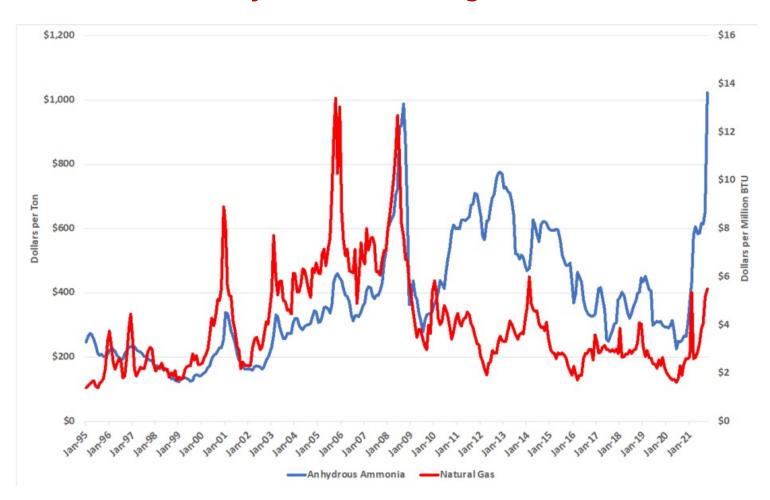
Fertilizer Supply/Demand Fundamentals

- ✓ Demand
 - √ High crop prices strong domestic and global demand
- ✓ Supply
 - √ Whiplash in fertilizer production outlook in '20
 - ✓ Delayed and lengthier fertilizer plant "turnarounds" COVID labor shortages
 - ✓ Shipping issues
 - ✓ Hurricane Ida, February '21 freeze in Texas
 - √ High natural gas prices / availability issues in Europe
 - ✓ China halts phosphate and UAN fertilizer exports
 - ✓ Sanctions on Belarus slowed Potash shipments to U.S. and E.U.
 - ✓ Ukraine Russia?
 - ✓ Anti-dumping case (Mosaic) Countervailing duties on phosphate fertilizers from Russia and Morocco (U.S. International Trade Commission and Department of Commerce)
 - ✓ Anti-dumping case (CF Industries) DOC preliminary determination UAN from Russia and Trinidad and Tobago sold into U.S. less than FMV
 - ✓ Industry consolidation profit taking?



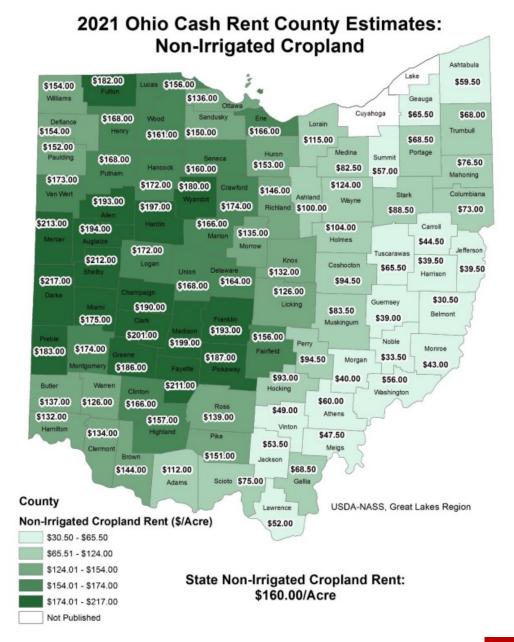
Anhydrous Ammonia and Natural Gas Prices January 1995 to October 2021

Source: Texas A&M, Henry Hub, Bloomberg



USDA NASS Survey Cash Rents

✓ According to this survey cash rents increased2.6% in 2021



Western Ohio Cropland Values and Cash Rents 2020-21

Survey Report

Cash rents increased from 3.6 to 3.9 percent depending on the region and land class.



Table 3: Ohio Cropland Values and Cash Rents
Southwest Ohio Results

Land Class			Average	Std	Rang	ge*
Average		Avg Corn Yield (bu/a)	182.4	17.8	200.2	164.6
		Avg Soybean Yield (bu/a)	57.2	4.6	61.9	52.6
	Market Value per Acre	2020	\$8,299	\$2,161	\$10,460	\$6,137
		2021	\$8,661	\$2,235	\$10,896	\$6,425
	Rent per Acre	2020	\$207	\$35	\$242	\$173
		2021	\$215	\$36	\$252	\$179
Тор		Avg Corn Yield (bu/a)	215.3	16.2	231.5	199.2
		Avg Soybean Yield (bu/a)	67.3	5.6	73.0	61.7
	Market Value per Acre	2020	\$9,558	\$2,472	\$12,030	\$7,086
		2021	\$10,059	\$2,615	\$12,674	\$7,444
	Rent per Acre	2020	\$248	\$45	\$293	\$203
		2021	\$257	\$44	\$301	\$213
Poor		Avg Corn Yield (bu/a)	153.0	21.5	174.6	131.5
		Avg Soybean Yield (bu/a)	47.1	6.6	53.7	40.5
	Market Value per Acre	2020	\$6,945	\$1,970	\$8,914	\$4,975
		2021	\$7,206	\$1,962	\$9,167	\$5,244
	Rent per Acre	2020	\$172	\$32	\$204	\$140
		2021	\$178	\$34	\$212	\$144

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Northwest Ohio Results

Land Clas	s		Average	Std	Ran	ge*
Average		Avg Corn Yield (b/a)	179.9	9.7	189.6	170.2
		Avg Soybean Yield (b/a)	55.0	5.1	60.1	49.9
	Market Value per Acre	2020	\$7,518	\$991	\$8,510	\$6,527
		2021	\$7,896	\$1,144	\$9,041	\$6,752
	Rent per Acre	2020	\$190	\$18	\$208	\$171
		2021	\$197	\$23	\$220	\$174
Тор		Avg Corn Yield (b/a)	213.7	14.2	227.9	199.5
		Avg Soybean Yield (b/a)	65.4	4.5	70.0	60.9
	Market Value per Acre	2020	\$8,789	\$1,138	\$9,927	\$7,651
		2021	\$9,251	\$1,292	\$10,543	\$7,960
	Rent per Acre	2020	\$238	\$28	\$266	\$211
		2021	\$247	\$47	\$294	\$200
Poor		Avg Corn Yield (b/a)	146.1	8.2	154.3	137.9
		Avg Soybean Yield (b/a)	42.8	5.4	48.2	37.4
	Market Value per Acre	2020	\$5,833	\$906	\$6,739	\$4,927
		2021	\$6,087	\$907	\$6,993	\$5,180
	Rent per Acre	2020	\$150	\$18	\$169	\$132
		2021	\$156	\$22	\$179	\$134

Other Survey Results from the Eastern Corn Belt

✓ Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Quarterly Survey showed that cash rental rates increased 4% (April 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021)

(The <u>Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago</u> (7th Fed District) surveys ag lenders in their districts each quarter. (The 7th Fed District includes parts of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and all of Iowa.)

✓ Indiana statewide cash rental rates increased across all land quality classes in 2021. Statewide average rental rates increased by 3.9% for top quality land, from \$259 to \$269 per acre. The cash rental rates for average and poor quality lands both increased by 4.6% to \$227 and \$183, respectively. (Purdue Ag Econ Report.)

Rental Rates: Outlook

Supportive Fundamentals:

- ✓ Net Farm Income Increases 23.2% in 2021
- ✓ Net Farm Income Increased 19.9% in 2020
- ✓ Price/margin outlook positive for 2022
- ✓ Ad-hoc governments payments MFP and CFAP
- ✓ PPP Forgivable Loans
- ✓ Farmer equity positions remain relatively healthy (D/A Ratio ~13.64)
- ✓ CAUV/Property Taxes still on landowner minds

Non-Supportive Fundamentals:

- ✓ Higher input costs will impact 2022 margins
- ✓ Lower/No ARC/PLC payments likely
- ✓ No add'l ad-hoc payments
- ✓ Livestock/Dairy income mixed
- ✓ CAUV/Property Taxes lower



Thoughts on Cash Rents

- ✓ Short-term high margin periods in crop production may create higher long-term cost structure
- ✓ Landowners may seek higher rents that may be unsustainable in the long run
- ✓ Landlords understand value of non-cash benefits
- ✓ Farmers stress test balance sheet and cash flow
- ✓ Cash rent bonuses may be a good alternative
- √ Flex leases on net income



Rent Discovery Methods

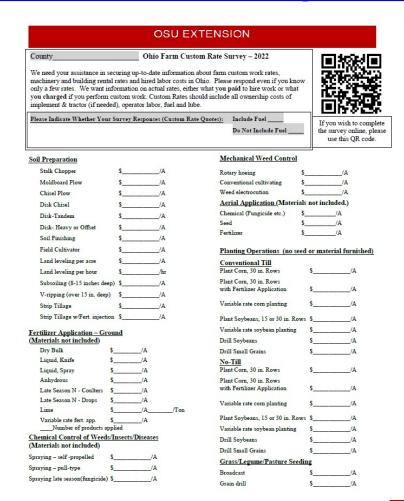
- ✓ One-on-one negotiation
- ✓ Targeted sealed-bid solicitation
- ✓ Open sealed-bid solicitation
- ✓ Professional farm management firms
- ✓ Rent appraisal
- ✓ Rental auction





- Ohio Farm Custom Rates Survey 2022
- https://go.osu.edu/ohiofarmcustomratesurvey2022





Ohio AgLink

https://tos.ohio.gov/ag-link/



Eligible farmers and agribusinesses can now receive an interest rate reduction of 0.5% on new or existing operating loans up to \$150,000. Learn more and apply: tos.ohio.gov/ag-link/



REDUCED RATES ON OPERATING LOANS



Agriculture is the backbone of Ohio's economy and is critical for the state's prosperity. However, one of the biggest challenges farmers and agribusinesses face is financing for operations.

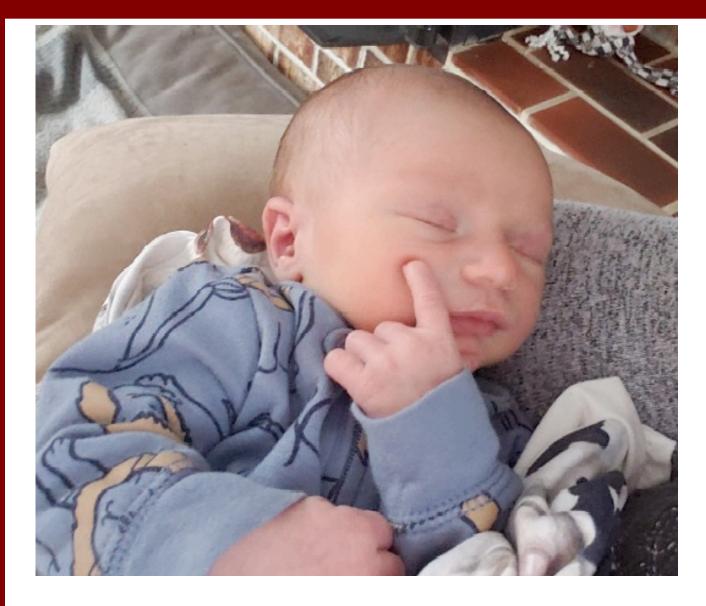
During the Ag-LINK application period, farm operators and agribusinesses can receive up to a 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing operating loans up to \$150,000.

Ag-LINK helps farmers and agribusinesses finance upfront operating costs for feed, seed, fertilizer, fuel, and other expenses by providing interest rate reductions on new or existing loans at eligible financial institutions.

Ag-LINK Requirements ▼	
How Ag-LINK Works ▼	
Getting Started ▼	



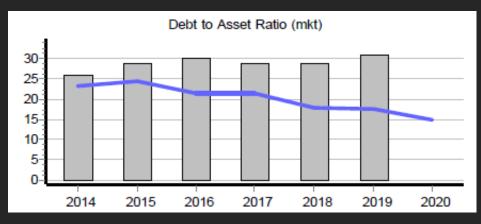
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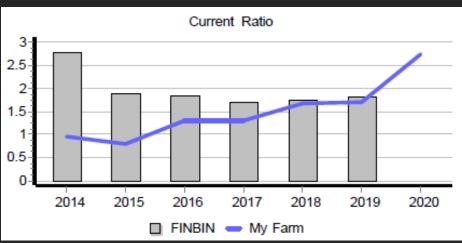


Tucker Ray Shoemaker January 30, 2022



What do we want to know?



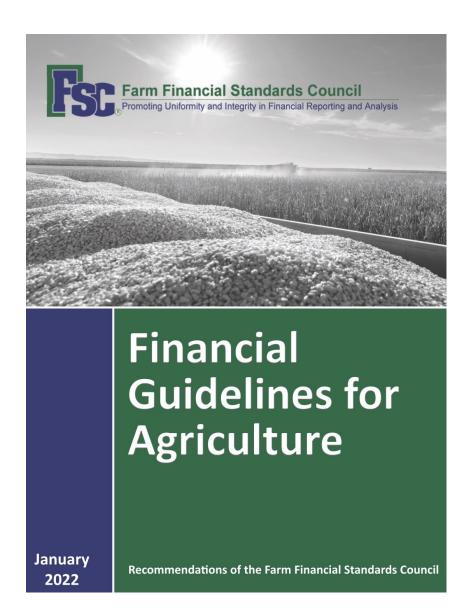


What is the financial position of the farm business?

How is the farm business performing?

Farm Financial Standards Council

"The MISSION of the FFSC is to provide a national forum for developing standards and implementation guidelines for preparers and users of agricultural financial information that will promote consistency, uniformity and integrity in financial analysis and reporting of agricultural producers."



Liquidity

- Current ratio
 - = Total current farm assets
 - / Total current farm liabilities
- 2. Working capital
 - = Total current farm assets
 - Total current farm liabilities
- 3. Working capital to gross revenues
 - = Working capital / Gross farm income

Solvency (market)

- 4. Farm debt-to-asset ratio
 - = Total farm liabilities / Total farm assets
- 5. Farm equity-to-asset ratio
 - = Farm net worth / Total farm assets
- 6. Farm debt-to-equity ratio
 - = Total farm liabilities / Farm net worth

Profitability

Repayment capacity

- 12. Capital debt repayment capacity
 - = Net farm income
 - + Depreciation
 - + Net non-farm income
 - Family living & income taxes
 - + Interest expense on term loans
- 13. Capital debt repayment margin
 - = Capital debt repayment capacity
 - Scheduled principal & interest on term loans*
- 14. Replacement margin
 - = Capital debt repayment margin
 - Unfunded (cash) capital replacement allowance
- 15. Term debt coverage ratio
 - = Capital debt repayment capacity
 - / Scheduled principal & interest on term loans*
- 16. Replacement margin coverage ratio
 - = Capital debt repayment capacity

Coming Soon: The "Baker's Dozen"

Liquidity

- Current Ratio
- Working Capital as a % of Gross Revenues

Solvency

Debt/Asset Ratio

Profitability

- Rate of Return on Farm Assets
- Rate of Return of Farm Equity
- Operating Profit Margin Ratio
- Asset Turnover Ratio

Repayment & Replacement Capacity

- Debt Coverage Ratio
- Replacement Coverage Ratio

Efficiency

- Operating Expense Ratio
- Depreciation Expense Ratio
- Interest Expense Ratio
- Income from Operations Ratio

Source: Pauline Van Nurden, Center for Farm Financial Management

Update: Alternate Financial Ratios

provides options, considered acceptable alternatives

Liquidity

 Working Capital as % of Operating Expense

Solvency

- Equity/Asset Ratio
- Liabilities/Equity Ratio (Debt/Equity)

Repayment & Replacement Capacity

 Term Debt and Finance Lease Coverage Ratio

Ratio Updates - How do the changes compare?

Debt Coverage

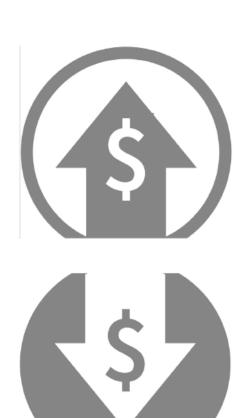
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Term Debt Coverage

Working Capital as % Gross Revenue

VS

Working Capital as % Operating Expense





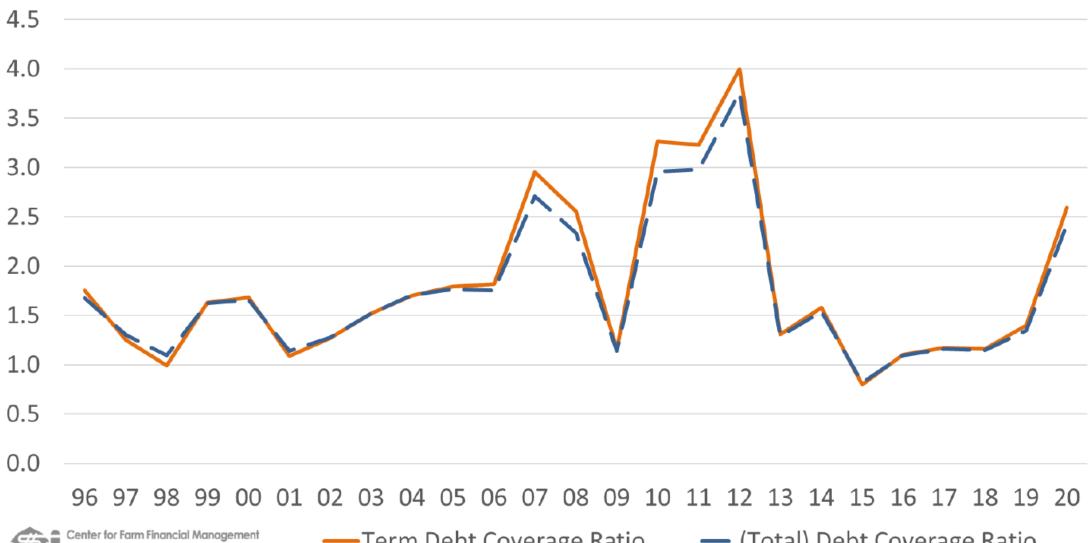
Debt Coverage Calculations – an example

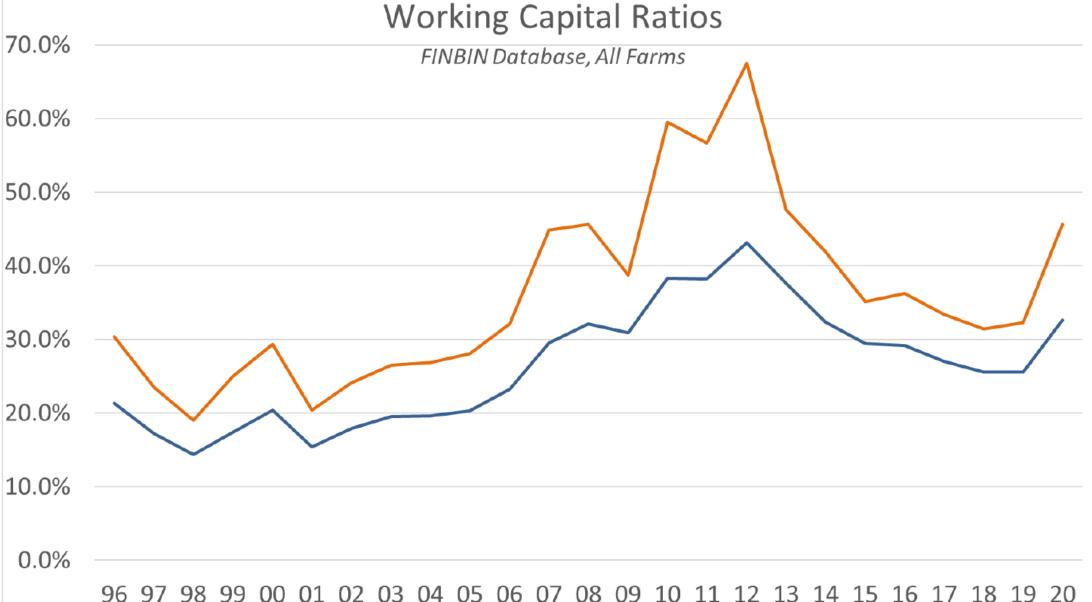
	Term Debt Coverage	(Total) Debt Coverage
Net Farm Income from Operations	\$443,305	\$443,305
+ Non-farm Income	+ 60,848	+ 60,848
+ Depreciation	+ 131,892	+ 131,892
- Family Living	- 78,031	- 78,031
- Income Taxes	- 29,831	- 29,831
+ Interest	+ 53,187 (term)	+ 86,431 (total)
= (Term) Repayment and Replacement Capacity	\$576,297	\$609,541
Total Principal & Interest on Term Debt	\$160,680	\$160,680
+ Interest on Current Debt	XXXXX	+ 33,244
= Uses of Repayment and Replacement Capacity	\$160,680	\$193,924
Repayment & Replacement Capacity/Uses of RRC	\$576,297 ÷ 160,680 = 3.6	\$609,541 ÷ 193,924 = 3.1

Source: Pauline Van Nurden, CFFM, UMN

Debt Coverage Ratios

FINBIN Database, All Farms





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*for Farm Financial Management of Minnesota — Working Capital to Gross Revenue — Working Capital to Total Expense

Lease Accounting Updates

Adopted in 2019 by FFSC.

- Result of 2016 FASB Accounting Standards Update

Goal – increase transparency and comparability of business

 Requires lessees to record assets & liabilities on the balance sheet for almost all leases

Starting in <u>2022</u>



2 Types of Leases

- Financing

Operating





Finance Lease

- AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE
- PREVIOUSLY A CAPITAL LEASE
- REPORTING REMAINS (BASICALLY)
 THE SAME

Source: Pauline Van Nurden, CFFM, UMN



Operating Lease

- OP. LEASES WITH TERM > 1 YEAR
- NOW REPORTED ON BALANCE SHEET
- LEASE EXPENSE ON INCOME STMT

Operating Lease Accounting

Balance Sheet

- Asset
 - Termed Right of Use (ROU) Asset
 - Valued at present value of future lease payments
- Liability
 - · Lease Liability
- * Just like finance lease reporting



Comparing Finance & Operating Leases

	Finance Lease	Operating Lease
Has control of the asset passed to the lessee?	Yes	No
Balance sheet	Right-of-use asset Lease Liability	Right-of-use asset Lease Liability
Income statement	Interest expense Amortization expense	Lease expense
Pattern of expense	Front-loaded	Straight-line
Cash Flow statement	Operating – cash paid for interest Financing – cash paid for principal	Operating – cash paid for lease pymts

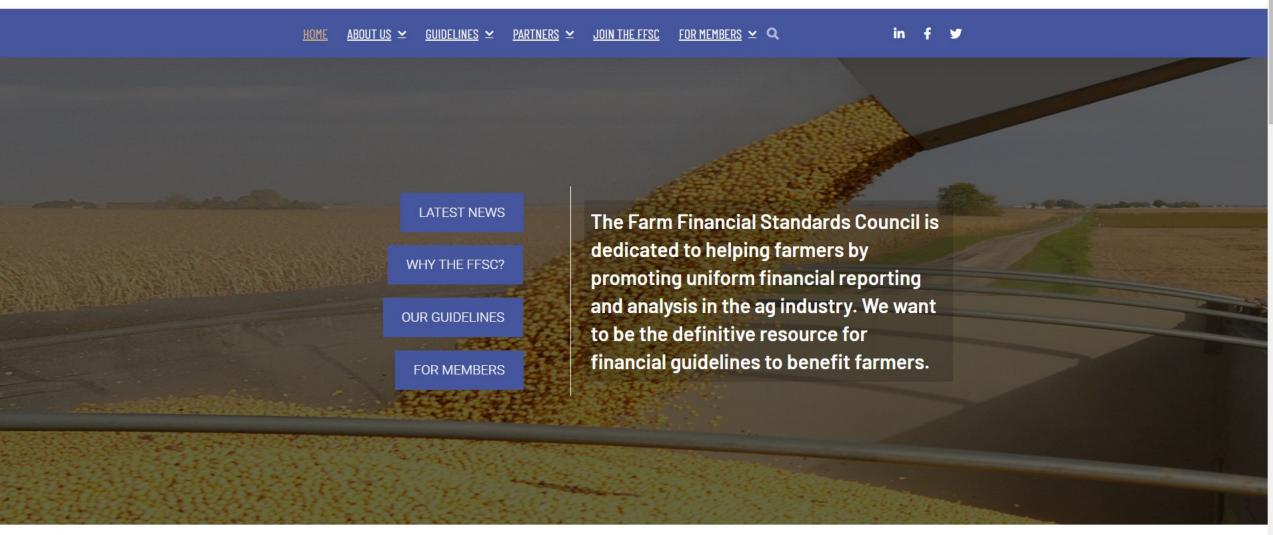
Lease Reporting Exception

Land leases

- Actual terms are hard to determine, so applying GAAP guidelines is difficult
- Report like an **Operating Lease** on the Income Statement









Pandemic Relief Programs

Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP)

- PCCP was first offered in 2021, and producers with crop insurance received \$59.5 million in premium subsidies for 12.2 million acres of cover crops.
- 2nd year announced on February 10, 2022.
- Provides premium support of up to \$5 per acre to producers who insured their spring crop with most insurance policies and planted a qualifying crop during the 2021 crop year.
- Will receive benefit if file a Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) with their cover crops identified by March 15, 2022.
- As part of filing the Report of Acreage, you will need to provide: cover crop type or variety; number of acres of the cover crop; map with approximate boundaries for the cover crop; planting date(s); planting pattern, when applicable; producer shares; and irrigation practice(s).
- https://www.farmers.gov/cover-crops/faq



Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP)

- Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) announced on 12/13/2021.
- Hogs sold through "negotiated sale" from 4/16/2020 through 9/01/2020 eligible for additional assistance.
- Application period is 12/15/2021 through 2/25/2022.
- Eligible Hogs * \$54 (not to exceed 10,000 head).



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

- LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or by attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government.
- LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock.
- Reporting Deadline is March 1.
- https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-andservices/disaster-assistanceprogram/livestock-indemnity/index





Overview

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the 2018 Farm Bill) authorized the Uvestock Indemnity Program (LIP) to provide benefits to eligible livestock owners or contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss conditions, including eligible adverse weather, eligible disease and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators. In addition, LIP provides assistance to eligible livestock owners that must sell livestock at a reduced price because of an injury from an eligible loss condition.

LIP is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). The occurrence of an eligible loss condition in and by itself - does not determine eligibility for eligible livestock losses. The livestock owner or contract grower must provide evidence acceptable to FSA that the eligible cause of loss not only occurred but directly caused loss or death.

LIP payments for owners are based on national payment rates that are 75 percent of the market value of the applicable livestock as determined by the USDA's Secretary of Agriculture. Rates for contract growers of poultry oswine will not exceed the rates for owners but are based on 75 percent of national average input costs for the applicable livestock.

The 2018 Farm Bill amended certain provisions related to LIP effective in 2019. Those amendments included:

- livestock death losses due to extreme cold are considered eligible losses without regard to vaccination protocol, or lack of
- providing for compensation for livestock death losses due to diseases that are caused or transmitted by a vector and are not controlled by vaccination or an acceptable management practice. These diseases were previously covered under ELAP

Eligible Livestock Owners

To be eligible for LIP:

 A livestock owner must have legally owned the livestock on the day the livestock died and/or were injured by an eligible loss condition



- An owner's livestock must have either
- died in excess of normal mortality as a direct result of an eligible loss condition
- or been injured as a direct result of an eligible loss condition and were sold at a reduced price.

Eligible livestock must

- Have been maintained for commercia use as part of a farming operation on the day they died; and
- Not have been produced or maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation. Excluded livestock includes wild free-roaming animals, pets or animals used for recreational purposes, such as hunting, roping or for show.

FACT SHEET - APRIL 2021

Dairy Margin Coverage Program Highlights

- 2022 Program Sign Up Open
 - December 13, 2021 through February 18, 2022 now March 25th!
 - At USDA County Farm Service Agency offices
- Supplemental DMC Coverage
 - Farms with <5 million pounds of established production history
 - Have increased milk sales



Sign-up Deadlines

- Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) Sign-up from 12/15/2021 to 2/25/2022
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) for 2021 Losses Sign-up until 3/01/2022
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Sign-up from 1/31/2022 to 3/11/2022
- Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC)
 Program Sign-up from 10/18/2021 to 3/15/2022
- Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMS)- Sign-up from 12/13/2021 to 3/25/2022





2022 Farm Bill and Crop Insurance Decision

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CFAES

Reminders

March 15, 2022: 2022 enrollment deadline

March 15, 2023: 2023 enrollment deadline

Producers must enroll to be eligible for payments.

Many producers have already enrolled while in the FSA office for CFAP.

Producers may make changes to program elections.

 If changes are not made by the March 15th deadline, the election defaults to the programs selected for the 2021 crop year with no penalty

Effective February 14th all Ohio USDA Service Centers in Ohio are open for business. No walk-in appointments are allowed. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA should call ahead and schedule an inperson or virtual appointment.

Elect a Federal Commodity Program

Agricultural Risk
CoverageCounty

Paid on 85% of Base Acres

Agricultural Risk
CoverageIndividual

Paid on 65% of Base Acres

Price Loss Coverage

Paid on 85% of Base Acres

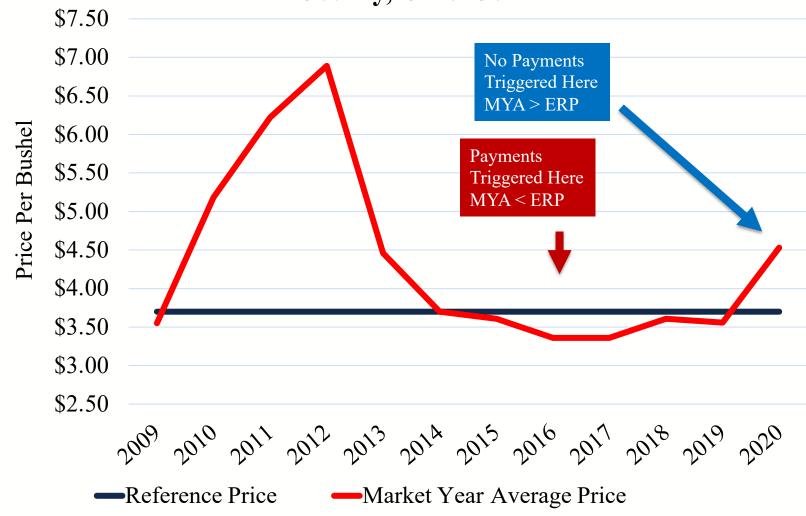
Supplemental Coverage Option



- The decision is made on an FSA farm by farm level.
- Producers can make the decision on a crop-by-crop basis for ARC-CO and PLC.
- All crops on the FSA Farm and all FSA Farms enrolled in ARC-IC in the same state are blended when choosing ARC-IC.

Program Refresher: General Information

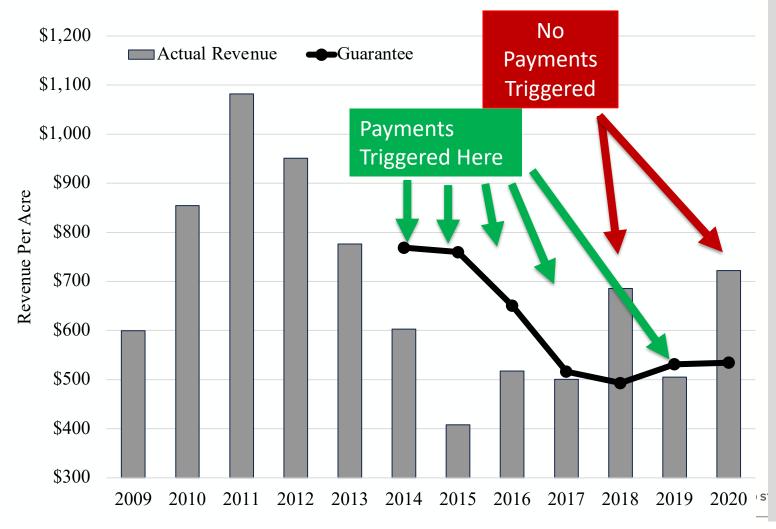
Historical 2014-2020 PLC Performance for Hardin County, Ohio-Corn



- PLC makes a payment when the Market Year Average Price falls below a calculated effective reference price:
 - ❖ Corn- \$3.70
 - ❖ Soybean- \$8.40
 - ❖ Wheat- \$5.50
- The payment rate is then multiplied by individual FSA Farm Yields to generate a payment that is paid on 85% of commodity specific base acres.
- MYA prices are the national product of the percent of grain sold during a month times that month's price. Market year for program year 2021 starts Sept. 1, 2021.
- There is a price escalator, but we would still need higher prices to increase the reference price for future years.

Program Refresher: General Information

Historical 2014-2020 ARC-CO Performance for Hardin County, Ohio-Corn



- ❖ ARC is a revenue program where there is protection between 76% and 86% of a county's historical revenue (yield x price)
 - Risk Management Agency trend adjusted yields
- ❖ ARC-CO makes a payment when the national price multiplied by the county yield or individual yield for ARC-IC for the year falls below a 5-year Olympic Average of prices and yield times 86%.
 - In other words- a payment is triggered when the gray bar (actual revenue) is below the black line (guarantee).
- ❖ The payment rate is then paid on 85% of commodity specific base acres for ARC-CO and 65% for ARC-IC.
- ARC-CO are county yields- not farm yields.
- Counties can have different payment rates. 2018 Farm Bill now blends individual payment rates by share of acres in each county.

Program Refresher: ARC-Individual

- ❖ A completely different type of beast than what we are used to with ARC-CO, but the concept is basically the same-payments are triggered when actual revenue falls below a calculated benchmark using individual yields.
- ❖ Three major differences:
 - ❖ All commodities of this FSA Farm Number are combined to create the farm specific revenue.
 - ❖ Based on actual plantings from the current year for the actual and historical revenue.
 - ❖ Payments are made on 65% of base acres instead of 85% under ARC-CO or PLC.

FSA Farm that might benefit from ARC-IC

- 1. 100% Prevent Plant acres on any <u>FSA</u> <u>Farms</u>
- 2. FSA Farm Yields 15% below the historical 5-Year FSA Farm average of all crops.
- 3. High year-to-year production variability. (example river bottom)
- 4. "Large" acreage of fruits and vegetables (+15%)

This played large for parts of Ohio in 2019 since we already knew our yields.

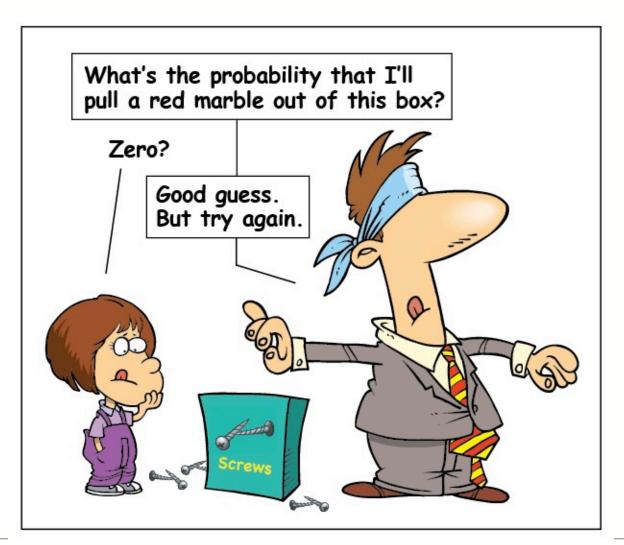
We won't know them in 2022 since the deadline is before planting.

Outlook- What's going to happen???

What do Economist, Weathermen and Pollsters all

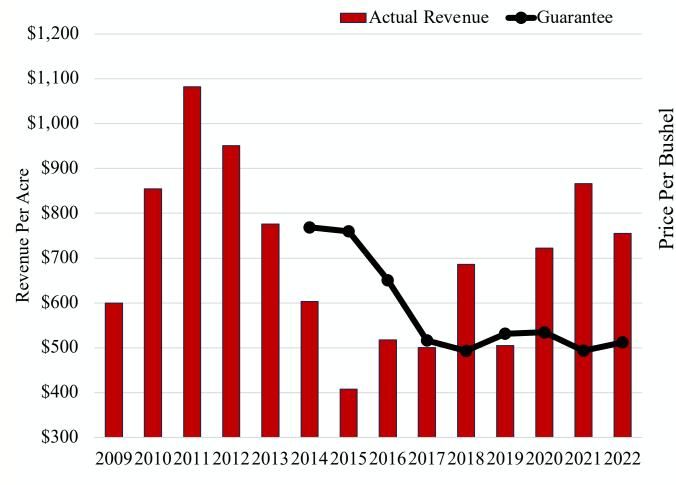
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They love and use the principles of probability, but nobody really knows



Looking Ahead: Corn

Estimated 2021 & Projected 2022 ARC-CO Performance for Hardin County, Ohio-Corn



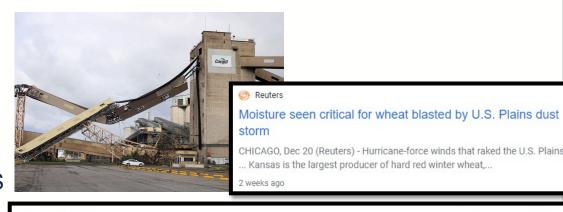
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Potential Black Swan Factors for 2022

Risks facing us in 2022

- ❖ There is always weather risk
 - ❖ 2021 had:
 - ❖ Winter Storm Uri hit Texas
 - ❖ Significant Drought in South America and Western US
 - Pests like Grasshoppers and Fall Army Worms
 - Hurricane Ida hitting US Gulf
 - December Derecho impacting winter wheat
- Geo-Political Relations
 - ❖ Build up of Russian Troops next to Ukraine Boarder
 - China's determination to reunify Taiwan
 - US/China Phase 1 Deal
- Supply Chain Issues into 2022
 - Slow adjustment of production in global fertilizer
 - ❖ Difficult challenge of adjusting to smaller US workforce

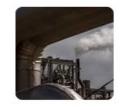


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9 months after the Texas freeze, the power grid remains vulnerable

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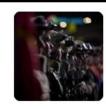


WSJ Wall Street Journal

Russia-Ukraine Tension: Could What's Happening on the Border Lead to War?

A satellite image reportedly showing Russian military equipment near Yelnya, Russia. Photo: handout/Agence France-Presse/Getty Images. What's at...

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Chinese state media warns of attack on US troops if they intervene in takeover of Taiwan

... an article Thursday saying China would "heavily attack US troops" if they attempted to intervene during its forceful takeover of Taiwan.

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Farm Bill Decision Aid Tool

- Updated for 2022 decision with historical yields and current price projections
- Located at https://farmoffice.osu.edu/farm-management-tools/decision-aids

The Ohio State University Farm Bill Decision Tool

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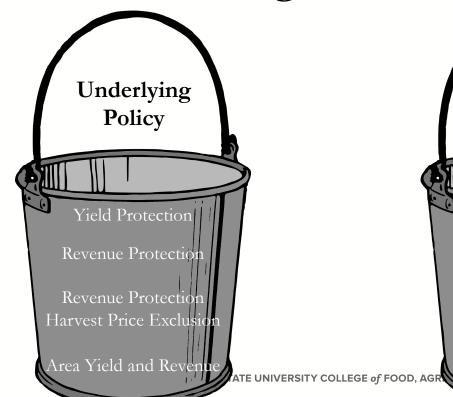
Major Crop Insurance Options

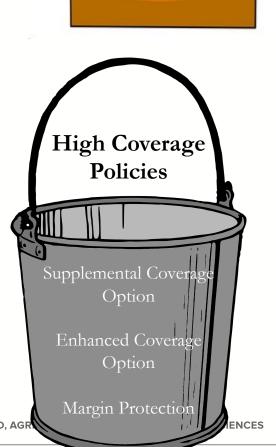
Most producers get overwhelmed with crop insurance decision and for good measure because there are lots of options

There are 21 different policies without even breaking that down to coverage levels, unit structure, or all the private products.... There about 160 of those...









Commodity Price Change

2021

- Corn Projected Price: \$4.58
- Soybean Projected Price:\$11.87

2022 *estimate*

- Corn Projected Price: \$5.73 (+25%)
- Soybean Projected Price:
 \$13.67 (+15%)

Corn premium is only up about 8% and Soybean premium is up about 3%.

Crop Insurance - Underlying Policies

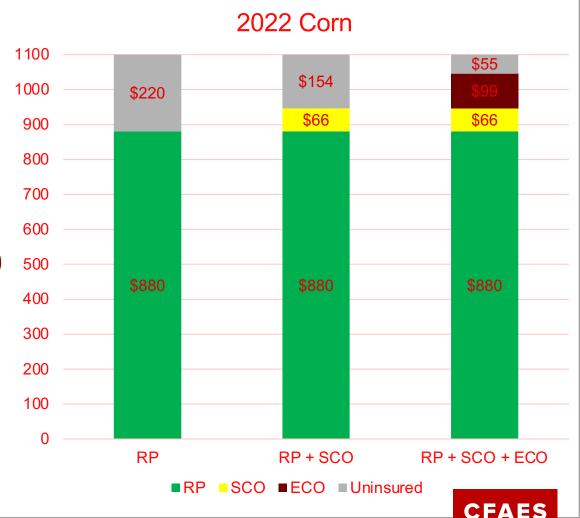
- Revenue Protection (RP)
 - Provides yield and price coverage at your desired coverage level.
- Revenue Protection Harvest Price Excluded (RP_HPE)
 - Provides yield protection and downside price protection only.
- Yield Protection (YP)
 - Provides yield loss protection at the set spring price.
- Area Revenue Protection (ARP)
 - Provides county-based yield and revenue protection.
- Area Yield Protection (AYP)
 - Provides county-based yield loss protection at the set spring price.

Additional Crop Insurance Options High Coverage Policies (Subsidized)

- Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO)
 - Additional coverage that triggers when the actual county revenue falls below 86% of the expected county revenue.
 - Coverage is provided from 86% down to your base policy coverage level.
 - Only available if enrolled in PLC as FSA commodity program.
- Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO)
 - Additional coverage that triggers when the county actual revenue falls below 95% or 90% of the expected county revenue.
 - Each ECO option provides a coverage band from the trigger level down to 86%.
 - Applies to ALL FSN's enrolled in either ARC or PLC as FSA commodity program.

2022 Corn Coverage Example

- Clermont County RP 80% EU Example
 - County Expected Yield = 186.1 bpa
 - Price (estimate) = \$5.50
 - 95% ECO Revenue Trigger = \$972.37
 - 86% SCO Revenue Trigger = \$880.25
- Corn RP 80% EU Coverage
 - APH = 200 bpa
 - Underlying Policy Coverage = \$880.00
- RP 80% Premium = **\$31.91**
- SCO Premium = **\$8.07**
- ECO Premium = **\$32.45**
- Total Premium = \$72.43



Summary

- Program election, enrollment and crop insurance are due March 15, 2022
- Looking forward
 - Price are not likely to fall below effective reference prices
 - ARC-CO has the probability to trigger more often based on variation in county yields compared to PLC
 - PLC with SCO continues to provide the most complete risk management program since SCO behaves similar to ARC-CO.
 - Difference is MYA compared to season price
 - Excel tool can help you play with different scenarios



Newly introduced Ohio legislation

H.C.R. 14 – Repeal individual income tax

Introduced by Rep. Tom Brinkman January 25, 2022.

First hearing before Ways and Means Committee February 15, 2022.

(companion to SCR 13 – Introduced in Senate December 9, 2021.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, intend to repeal the state personal income tax altogether within ten years.



H.B. 515 – Income tax

Introduced December 15, 2021 by Reps. James Hoops and Craig Riedel. Second hearing before House Ways and Means February 15, 2022. (companion to S.B. 247, on hold in Senate Ways and Means Committee)

- The sale of an ownership interest in a business will be considered business income for Ohio income tax purposes if:
 - Federal income tax law treats the sale as a sale of assets.
 - Seller materially participates in the business activities during taxable year in which interest was sold or any of preceding five taxable years.
- Would apply to any audits, refund applications, petition for reassessments, and appeals pending on or after the bill's 90-day effective date.



H.B. 507 – Poultry chicks

First hearing before House Agriculture & Conservation Committee February 15, 2022.

- Changes minimum lot size for sales of chicks from six to three.
- Sponsor testimony cited reduction of processing capacity and waste to 4-H members showing turkeys as primary reasons.



H.B. 365 - Safe Drinking Water Act

First hearing before House Agriculture & Conservation Committee House February 15, 2022.

- Requires EPA to adopt rules establishing water quality standards and maximum allowable contaminant levels in drinking water for PFAS ("forever chemicals"), chromium-6 and 1-4 dioxane.
- And to annually review the standards.



H.B. 484 - Fish designation

First hearing before House Agriculture & Conservation Committee House February 15, 2022.

- Designates the Lake Erie Walleye as the state fish.
- Sponsor testimony:
 - Ohio is one of three states without a designated state fish.
 - In online poll on NBC4 news, walleye captured 27.5% of vote, beating out yellow perch and smallmouth bass.



H.B. 30 - Slow-moving vehicles

Passed House June 23, 2021.

Third hearing before Senate Transportation Committee February 15, 2022.

• Increases visibility of animal-drawn vehicles by changing marking and lighting requirements.

H.B. 397 – Agricultural leases

Passed House December 8, 2021.

Second hearing before Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee February 15, 2022.

• For agricultural crop leases that don't address termination, requires a landlord who wants to terminate the lease to provide written notice of termination by September 1.

H.B. 321- Auctioneers

Passed House December 9, 2021.

Second hearing before Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee February 15, 2022.

- Eliminates apprentice requirement and license and replaces with course of study in auctioneering at approved institution.
- Eliminates special auctioneer license and changes to auction firm license.
- Removes oral exam requirement and increases number of written exams offered.
- Allows auction firms to provide online or live auction services.
- Allows ODA authority over internet auctions, previously exempt.



H.B. 440/S.B. 241– Agricultural Linked Deposit Program

H.B. 440 passed House December 9, 2021.

S.B. 241 passed Senate January 26, 2022.

- Expands availability of Agricultural Linked Deposit Program loans to agricultural cooperatives and replaces \$150,000 loan limit to amounts as determined by the Treasurer.
- Emergency clause added to make effective immediately.



S.B. 210 – Postnuptial Agreements

Passed Senate November 16, 2021

First hearing before House Civil Justice Committee February 8, 2022

- Expands ability of spouses to alter their legal relations by written agreements.
 - Allows spouses to modify or terminate the agreements.
- Recognizes postnuptial agreements and treats them the same as prenuptial agreements.

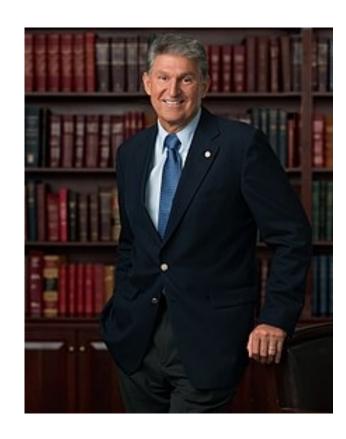




Where exactly are we on federal legislation?

Topic	Latest developments	Action expected by	Final Action
Government funding	Sept. 30 short-term bill passed; second short-term bill passed Dec. 2 extends funding to Feb. 18 House and Senate passed short- term extension to March 11	Dec. 3, when funding runs out; full-year appropriations bill expected by Feb. 18—March 11	
Federal debt limit	\$480 billion increase until Dec. 3; \$2.5 trillion increase passed Dec. 15, bringing limit to \$31.4 trillion Sen. Manchin using to oppose BBB	Dec. 3, or a Treasury default in first quarter of 2022?	Signed Dec. 16
Infrastructure bill	\$1.2 trillion bill by Senate passed Aug. 10; House holding off passed Nov. 5	October 31, when federal highway funding runs out	Signed Nov. 15
Build Back Better	\$3.5 trillion? 1.5 trillion? \$1.75 trillion House passed \$1.75 trillion bill Nov. 19; Appears dead	October 31, with infrastructure bill?—Schumer pushing for Senate to pass by Christmas; Biden concedes will go to 2022.	

What might survive from Build Back Better?





If with proposals for deficit reduction?

- Climate change
- Clean energy
- Tax policies
 - Corporate tax increase to 25%
 - Corporate minimum tax of 15%
 - Capital gains tax of 28%
 - Higher tax rates for wealthy
- Affordable Care Act subsidies
- Medicaid expansion



Legislation on the move?

H.R. 4996 - Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021

Introduced in Senate February 3, 2022 by Sen. Thune and Sen. Klobuchar.

- Addresses supply chain issues and international shipping practices
- Bars Vessel-Operating Common Carriers from "unreasonably declining export cargo bookings if the cargo can be loaded in a safe and timely manner," thus preventing China from paying the carriers to return empty.
- Reforms "demurrage and detention" rules that charge containers stuck in ports due to congestion.
- Sen. Klobuchar with Sen. Booker also introduced a separate *Ocean Shipping Competition Reform Act* would:
 - Allow for third parties such as shippers and ports to participate in legal cases brought by the Federal Maritime Commission against ocean carriers for anticompetitive harm from vessel sharing agreements.
 - Let successful third parties in those legal cases receive money damages, with additional financial penalties designed to deter anticompetitive conduct.



No action on bills sent to Senate Ag, Nutrition & Forestry Committee in December

H.R. 4489 – National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act

 Allows the U.S. Forest Service to use interest earned on settlement funds for clean-up and restoration of damaged forest lands.

H.R. 5608 – Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act

 Proposes research program, support for state management efforts, public education and \$70 million each year from 2022 to 2028 to tackle chronic wasting disease, a fatal neurological disease in deer, elk, and moose.

H.R. 5609 – Cattle Contract Library Act

 Addresses beef supply and pricing transparency issues by requiring packers to report contracts and USDA to report and maintain contract library.

H.R. 5290 — Livestock Mandatory Reporting

- Extends authorization for LMR to September 30, 2022.
- LMR price and transaction reporting by livestock buyers and sellers of meat products.

Gearing up for the 2023 Farm Bill hearings

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture released its list of Farm Bill priorities:

- 1. Agricultural research and extension programs
- 2. Animal disease prevention and management
- 3. Conservation and climate resiliency
 - Conservation easements, EQIP, climate initiatives
- 4. Cyber security
- 5. Food Safety Modernization Act compliance
- 6. Hemp program changes
- 7. Invasive species management and prevention
- 8. Local food systems
 - Food supply chain solutions, farm to school grants, nutrition incentives
- 9. Specialty crop block grants
- 10. Trade promotion



