



What's so important about keeping farm records?

- Needed for crop insurance and tax purposes
- Most crop insurance policy or program applications need at least 5 years of records
 - There are options for beginning growers or those switching crops or commodity types
- Every policy or program may require different records
- Try to have most of your records together before beginning the application process





Tax and IRS Information

- Schedule F used to report taxable income earned from farming or agricultural activities
 - Very important for WFRP which insures based on tax documents not yield history
 - Income and Expenses
- IRS Accounting Method Cash Basis Taxpayer or Accrual Basis Taxpayer
- Tax Year Calendar, Early Fiscal, Late Fiscal
- Fiscal Year Begin Date
- Fiscal Year End Date

INVENTORIED COMMODITIES											
BEGINNING INVENTORY ENDING INVENTORY											
	PART 2: FIRST INSURANC	T DAY OF THE	PART 3: VALUE END OF INSURANCE PERIOD				PART 4: LA	AST DAY OF INSU	RANCE PERIOD		
6. Commodity Name	7. Location(s)	8. Beginning Inventory (Unit of Measure)	9. Value (Dollars)	10. Cost or Basis	11. Value Received (Dollars)	12. Location(s)	13. Ending Inventory (Unit of Measure)	14. Average Value (Dollars)	15. Cost or Basis (Unit of Measure)	16. Net Value (Ending Inventory x Average Value) - Cost or Basis (if applicable)	
					\$ 0					\$ 0	
					\$ 0					\$ 0	
					\$ 0					\$ 0	
					\$ 0					\$ 0	
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					\$ 0					\$ 0	
					\$ 0					\$ 0	
			17. Total	Beginning Value	\$0			18. Te	otal Ending Value	\$ 0	

	PART 2: AC	COUNTS RECEIVABLE	5	
5. Commodity Name	6. Name and Address of Buyer	7. Beginning Amount (Dollars)	8. Ending Amount (Dollars)	9. Balance (Ending Amount - Beginning Amount
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
	10. Total Acco	unts Receivable Adjustments (+) or	r (-) to Claim (Dollars)	\$ 0.0
	PART 3: A	CCOUNTS PAYABLE		
11. Commodity Name	12. Name and Address of Creditor	13. Beginning Amount (Dollars)	14. Ending Amount (Dollars)	15. Balance (Ending Amount - Beginning Amount)
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
				\$ 0.0
	16. Total A	counts Payable Adjustments (+) of	r (-) to Claim (Dollars)	\$ 0.0

	A Schedule F income specifically excluded		G Net gain from commodity hedges		
5. Adjustment Codes	B Cost of post-production operations		H Not directly related to production		
	C Co-op distributions not directly related		I Other - explain the adjustment made	5	
	Schedule F Part I (for cash l	basis taxpayers) or Part III (i	for accrual taxpayers) Revenue		
		4. Tax Year			-
7. Schedule F Line Number	6. Schedule F Part I (cash) or III (accrual) Revenue	8. Amount on Schedule F	9. Revenue Adjustment Amount	9. Code	10. Allowable Revenue per Iten
1c or 37	Sales of livestock and other resale items, less the cost or basis of such items				\$ 0
2 or 37	Sales of livestock, produce, grains and other products you raised				\$ 0
3b or 38b	Taxable cooperative distributions			С	\$ 0
4b or 39b	Taxable agricultural program payments			A	
5a or 40a	Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans reported under election			A	
5c or 40c	Taxable CCC loans forfeited			A	
6b or 41	Taxable crop insurance proceeds and federal crop disaster payments			A	5
7 or 42	Custom hire (machine work) income			A	
	Other income, including federal and state gasoline or fuel tax credit or refund:				
	Federal and State gasoline or fuel tax cred or refund			A	
8 or 43	Income from bartering				\$ 0
	Payments from buyers commodities for bypassed acreage				\$ 0
	Payments from marketing orders				\$ 0
	11. Total Schedule F Part I or III Revenue	\$ O	\$ 0		\$ 0
			12. Allowable Reven	ue for Tax Year	\$ 0

Farm Operation Report: Intended

- Yield
- Expected Value
- Expected Revenue
- Intended Quantity
- Cost Basis and/or Value
- Share (amount held by applicant)
- % Production
- All used to calculate Total Expected Revenue

				INTENDED								
10.	x	11. EXPECTED	_	12. EXPECTED	x	13A. INTENDED		13B. COST / BASIS AND/OR	x	13C. SHARE	_	13E. TOTAL EXPECTED
VIELD	Î	VALUE		REVENUE	Î	QUANTITY		VALUE	î	13D. % PROD^		REVENUE
	x		=	\$ 0.00	x		5		x		-	\$0
	x		=	\$ 0.00	x		0		x		-	\$ 0
	x		=	\$ 0.00	x		e		x		=	\$0
	x		=	\$ 0.00	x		3		x		=	\$ 0
	x	:	=	\$ 0.00	x		2 35		x		-	\$0
	x		=	\$ 0.00	x		-		x		-	\$0
1	x		=	\$ 0.00	x		2		x		=	\$0

14A. ACTUAL	14B. ACTUAL	14C. SHARE	14E. TOTAL EXPECTED
QUANTITY	COST / BASIS AND/OR VALUE	14D. ACTUAL %~	REVENUE
			\$0
			\$0
	1		\$0
	1		\$0
	1		\$0
· · · · ·	2		\$0
	3		\$0
e fo	1		\$0
-			\$0
			\$0

Farm Operation Report: Revised

- Actual Quantity
- Actual Cost Basis and/or Value
- Share
- Actual % Production
- Revised Total Expected Revenue



				Cr						y by Fiel							
			Year:		[C	Year:	tional, O = 0	Organi	c, & T = 1 Year:	ransition to	organ	Year:			Year:		
Field, Plot, or Row Name	Acres or Row Feet	Own or Rent	Crop Code	Inputs & Cover Crops	C, O, or T	Crop Code	Inputs & Cover Crops	C, O, or T	Crop Code	Inputs & Cover Crops	C, O, or T	Crop Code	Inputs & Cover Crops	C, O, or T	Crop Code	Inputs & Cover Crops	C, O, or T
													-				
							T.										

	Сгор	and Production E	etalls								
[C = Conventional, O = Organic, & T = Transition to organic]											
Crop Name & (Field	duction Method Intended Use (Fresl Id, High Tunnel, Processed, Direct M enhouse, etc.)	ih,	Irrigated or Non- irrigated	Planting Dates	Location (Field, Row, or High Tunnel Number)						

	Estimated	Actual								
Crop:	year:	Year:								
Income										
Yield/Acre										
Price		1								
Total Income per Acre										
Expense [totals]										
Labor										
Seed										
Soil Amendments										
Fertilizer/Lime										
Cover Crop										
Weed Control		1								
Building Rent/Repairs										
Fuel/Oil										
Insurance Costs										
Utilities										
Marketing										
Storage										
Processing Fees										
Professional Services										
Real Estate Tax										
Lease										
Interest										
Other [total]										
Total Expense										

-			t Marketing Works			
	1	If selling from	an on-farm market, list a	amount sold.		T
Commodity Name	Market Name or Location	Amount Taken to Market	Amount Returned Home	Amount Sold	Price	Revenue
				-		
-						
			-			
			-			
					Total	

		Field, High Tunnel								
If more than one field or plot is in same section, range, or county, list them together.										
Field or Plot Number[s]	Section Number, County, and Range	FSA Farm Number and Tract Number	FSA Field Number or Other Identifying Method	Address or Closest Road	High Tunnel Number or Identification					
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					-					
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	Acr	es or Row Feet_			
Crop Year	Year:	Year:	Year:	Year:	Year:
Cover crop type		Seed varie	ty(s)		
Cover crop spring-planting date		Seeding ra			
Cover crop termination date and method			toring-problem sts, crop vigor-		
Basic tillage [method and date]			gement inputs		
Soil amendments		Pest mana	gement input- rates of application		
Soil amendment application date and rate		Disease m	anagement inputs		
Manure source			anagement input- rates of application		
Date and rate of manure application			nagement-post nethods and dates		
Crop planted		Harvest da			
crop pronee		Estimated tons)	yields (bu, pds,		



Thoughts and Tips

- You can never be too thorough
- Not just for tax or insurance purposes
- May save you production headaches and even money
 - You may find places you are losing money
- Not every workbook or template will work for you
- My tip is to record everything
 - If you want to, a day-to-day record could be helpful especially your first few years of production

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