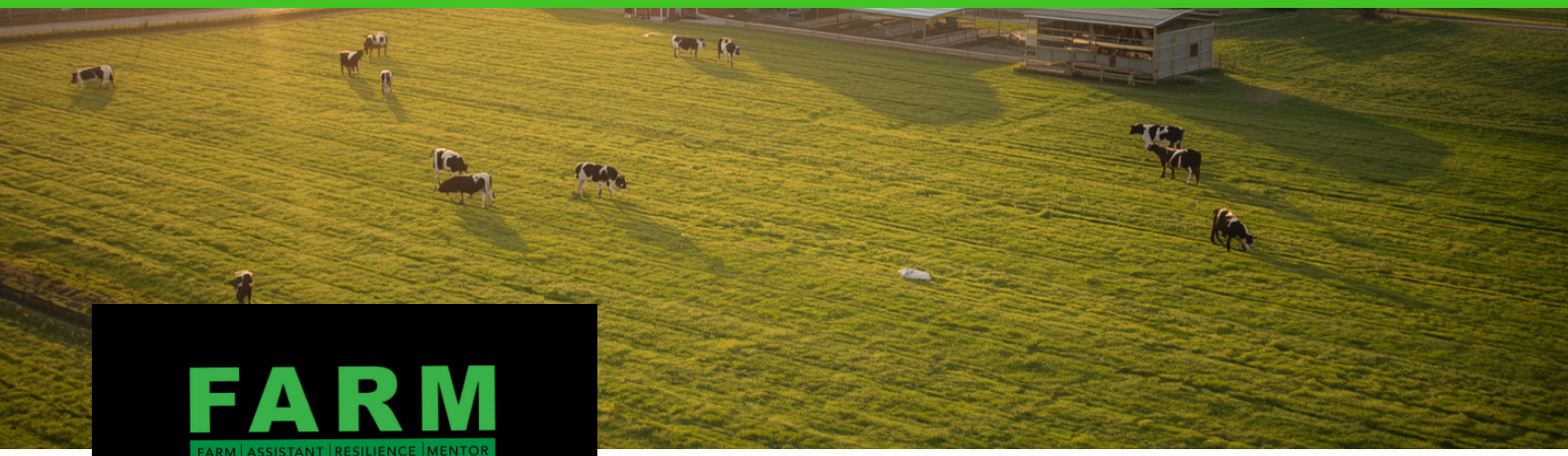
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Featured AgFTAP Resource

Surviving the Farm Economy Downturn: 2026 Update

The 2026 Update contains 24 articles from ag economists offering valuable information to producers and landowners as they attempt to navigate the current downturn.

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CROP INSURANCE 101: INSIDE *THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE* WORKBOOK

BY HUNTER D. BIRAM

The Fundamentals of Federal Crop Insurance provides a practical introduction to the federal crop insurance program, including its history, structure, economic rationale, major products, and application requirements. The workbook explains how federal crop insurance operates as a public-private partnership administered by USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Readers learn about individual plans—including Yield Protection, Revenue Protection, and Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion—which base guarantees and indemnities on farm-level production. The workbook also covers area products that use county yields, revenues, rainfall, or other indexes, including SCO, ECO, and Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage. It explains how product selection, coverage levels, unit structures, and documentation affect the protection available to an individual farm.

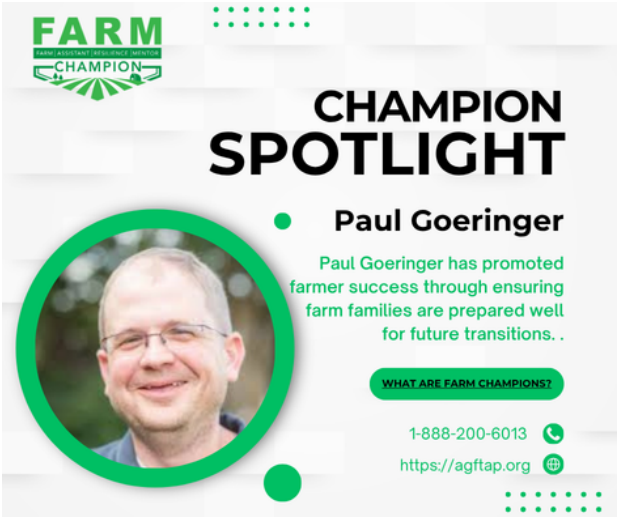
Specialized products, including Whole Farm Revenue Protection and Micro Farm, are also discussed. Together, the chapters present crop insurance as a customizable tool that supports broader farm financial and risk management.

The complete workbook is available as a free PDF. Readers may also complete the material at no cost through the self-paced UADA-Learn platform and receive a certificate of completion. To purchase a hard copy, contact Dr. Biram at hdbiram@uark.edu.

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Featured FARM Champion Spotlight + Farmer Success Story

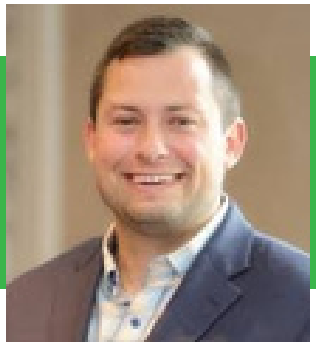


A farm family working to transition their operation to a grandson faced the challenge of protecting his future on the farm while also providing for their children. Through ongoing conversations with Paul, the family explored succession tools and began taking proactive steps toward a thoughtful transition. Their experience shows how risk management education can help families navigate difficult decisions before a crisis occurs and better position the farm for the next generation

Learn more about Paul's work.

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Grant Gardner

"...that just points to that personal resilience that a lot of farmers and I'd say almost all farmers have, and that, you know, even when things are down, we're going to push through."

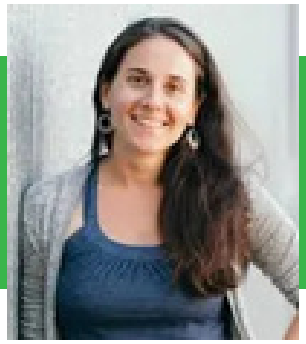
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Courtney Long

"part of our process is really working with communities, understanding the place base, vision, values, and purpose that we need and want to see in our food system...our work is people-based and place-based."

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Becca Jablonski

"...those folks that are successful are always thinking about three years, five years down the road, and how are they going to get their business there in a way that shows the kind of growth and values they want in the future."

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Tim Woods

"We have tried to create our Market Ready website to be full of resources that new prospective farmer food business vendors can start to look at and checklists that are there, things to think about as you're going into that buyer conversation"

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