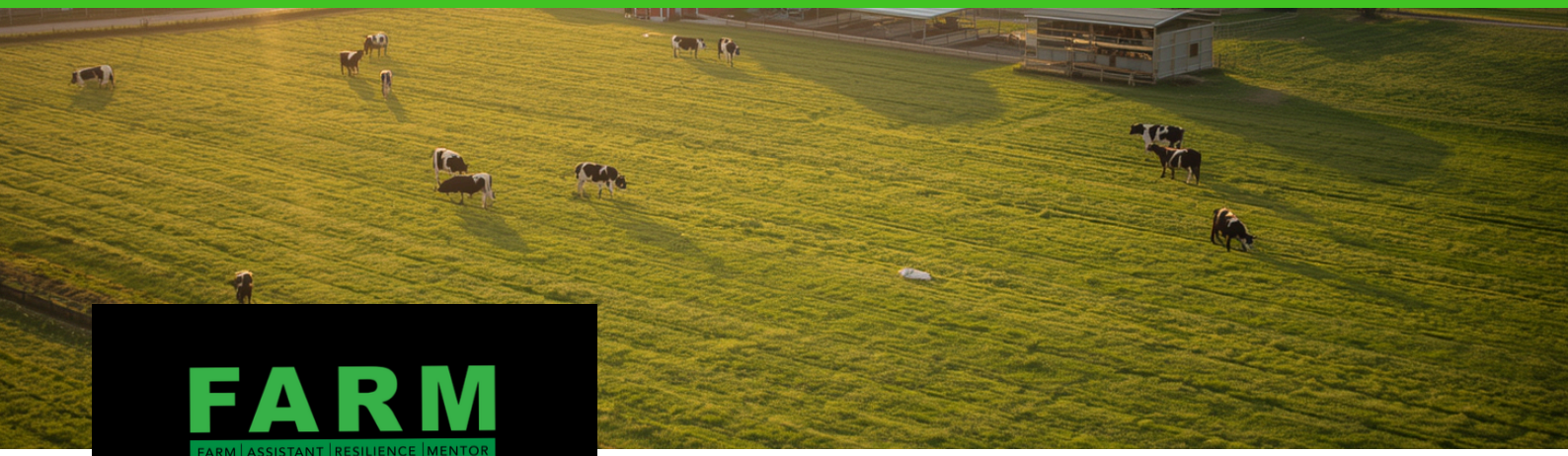
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Featured AgFTAP Resource

CropCost

CropCost helps producers calculate per-unit production costs, allocate expenses across crops, assess breakeven costs, and make more informed marketing and pricing decisions.

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FARM ANSWERS: RESOURCES TO HELP FARMERS GET STARTED AND SUCCEED

THE CENTER FOR FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Farm Answers is the official USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) clearinghouse developed and maintained by the Center for Farm Financial Management at the University of Minnesota. As the largest source of information for beginning farmers, this website provides resources to help individuals explore or get started farming, as well as tools to help more seasoned producers succeed.

What You'll Find on **Farm Answers**:

- The Farm Answers Library contains nearly 6,000 resources to help beginning farmers discover the answers to questions about starting a farm or ranch. Sort through applications, audio files, online courses, presentations, videos, websites, and written materials. Files within the library can also be filtered by the major risk categories a beginning farmer or rancher might face including Business Management, Marketing, People, Production, and Taxes & Legal.
- Toolboxes group together resources from the Farm Answers Library based on topic areas like Direct Marketing/Local Foods, Farmland Access, Organic Farming, Business Planning, Food Safety, Farm Financial Management, Farm Transition Planning, and Commodity Marketing.
- The Budget Library consists of specific budget resources to aid beginning farmers and ranchers with a variety of production types and commodities.
- View lists of Programs and USDA Assistance opportunities relevant to beginning farmers and ranchers.

Visit the Farm Answers website at FarmAnswers.org. For questions, contact the Center for Farm Financial Management at (612) 625-1964 or cffm@umn.edu.

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Featured FARM Champion Spotlight + Farmer Success Story



A producer trying to understand the financial outlook for a crop needs information that reflects what and where they farm. Through the various farmer-facing, risk management education tools, Curtis helps make practical financial tools easier to find and use. Producers can access enterprise budgets tailored to specific crops and regions to better understand costs, prepare financial information, and make informed business decisions. This work connects farmers with credible resources they can use to plan for the future and strengthen their operations.

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Ron Rainey

"...and we are intentional within our center to make sure that we're serving our entire region, recognizing those opportunities, recognizing those areas that are facing challenges and trying to be responsive in order to be relevant."

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Laurie Wolinski

"I think what surprises a lot of people about agriculture in the Northeast is how hard farmers work. It's not just a lifestyle, but it is a huge commitment every hour of every day."

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Brad Lubben

"We are more commodity focused than maybe the other regions are. It doesn't mean that specialty crops or value added and direct marketing programs are not important up here. We have an awful lot of effort to reach those audiences too."

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Shannon Neibergs

"In the West, that goes from farm border to farm border as we look at differences in microclimates, water rights, soil qualities, and topography. It's really varied farm to farm, that variability offers challenges and opportunities. .

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