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THE VIRGINIA FARM RECORD BOOK

Farm Record Book: Part 1, Expenses and Receipts is a reprint of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service's Farm Record Book written by Jill M. Wade, Fred J. Benson, and Mark D. Miller.

REASONS FOR KEEPING FARM RECORDS

1. To enable you to prepare more accurate income and self-employment (Social Security) tax returns. That is the purpose of this record book.
2. To determine your net farm income — how much the operation of your farm actually made. That is beyond the scope of this simple cash record book. However, an income statement showing your net farm income can be put together by adding only the information from your beginning and end-of-year balance sheets to this record book. Your county agricultural agent can help you complete an income statement using the information in this record book.
 - a. If your net farm income is not satisfactory, you will want to consider what you can do in order to earn more.
 - b. Your county agricultural agent may be able to help you think of ways:
 - to reduce your farm expenses without also reducing your gross farm income proportionately, or
 - to increase your gross farm income without also increasing your farm expenses proportionately.
3. To measure your gain or loss in net worth. This is done using your annual balance sheets.
 - a. If your financial progress is not satisfactory, you may need to consider ways to increase your net income or make your dollars go further. You may want to discuss such possibilities with your county extension agent or other advisors.
 - b. If your gain in net worth is more than you expect, it may be important for you to know why — whether it is due to good management or good luck!

RECORD FORMS PROVIDED IN THIS BOOK

This record book has been designed to help farmers collect the information required by the Federal Income Tax forms. The arrangement of the book follows closely

Schedule "F" of the Federal Income Tax forms. It is designed particularly for those farmers who file their taxes on a cash basis. The only additional information not kept in this record book is the Depreciation Schedule which should be maintained as a supplemental tax record by the farmer or his/her tax practitioner.

The following forms will assist you in completing the Schedule F: (1) Deductible Farm Business Expense; (2) Recording of Livestock and Other Items Bought for Resale (Purchases and Sales); (3) Purchase of Capital Items; (4) Sale of Capital Items; (5) Regular Hired Labor Expense; (6) Miscellaneous Hired Labor Expense; (7) Withholding and Social Security Payments for Hired labor; (8) Cash Sales of Farm Produced Items; (9) Annual Summary of Expenses and Cash Sales. In addition, these forms are provided for your own information and additional reference: (10) Farm Cash Summary; (11) Crop Production and Land Use; (12) Farm Loan Summary; (13) Non-farm Income and Expense.

INSTRUCTIONS - HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The best time to start keeping a farm record book is at the beginning of the farm business year. Most farmers begin their business year January 1. However, there are Virginia farmers who start their farm year at other times. This record book should cover the same period used in reporting for income tax purposes.

Set aside a regular time for recording items in your record book. Carry a small pocket notebook with you at all times and record business transactions as you make them. When these items are transferred to your record book, check them off in your notebook so you will know that they have been recorded.

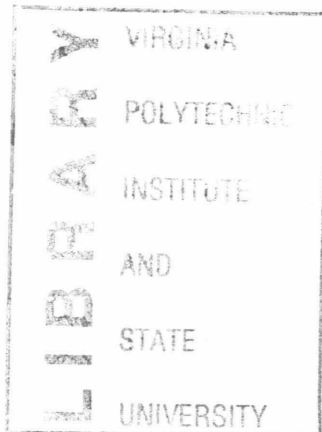
FARM BUSINESS EXPENSES

Pages 2 through 25 are provided for the recording of all farm business expenses. Each month's expenses can be entered and totalled on the page provided for that month. All expenses should be entered under the appropriate category — these categories correspond to those listed on the Schedule F.

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DEDUCTIBLE FARM BUSINESS EXPENSES

APRIL

M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	LINE #
Breeding Fees	Veterinary & Medicine	Fuel & Oil	Storage	Taxes	Farm Insurance	Utilities	Rent	Trucking	Conservation Expense	Farm Org. Dues	Chemicals	Other	
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APRIL 1980

DEDUCTIBLE FARM BUSINESS EXPENSES

AUGUST

M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	LINE #
Breeding Fees	Veterinary & Medicine	Fuel & Oil	Storage	Taxes	Farm Insurance	Utilities	Rent	Trucking	Conservation Expense	Farm Org. Dues	Chemicals	Other	
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15 Minutes to get started

RECORDING OF LIVESTOCK & OTHER ITEMS BOUGHT FOR RESALE (Purchases AND Sales)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
LINE #	CATTLE								HOGS							
	Date	Ref #	Description	Total Cost	Cost to be Recovered next year ¹	Date Sold	Sale Price	Gain (or Loss)	Date	Ref #	Description	Total Cost	Cost to be Recovered next year ¹	Date Sold	Sale Price	Gain (or Loss)
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¹ For tax purposes, only the cost of livestock sold this year may be claimed as an expense. See instructions.

RECORDING OF LIVESTOCK & OTHER ITEMS BOUGHT FOR RESALE (Purchases AND Sales)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
LINE #	Other: _____						Other: _____									
	Date	Ref #	Description	Total Cost	Cost to be Recovered next year ¹	Date Sold	Sale Price	Gain (or Loss)	Date	Ref #	Description	Total Cost	Cost to be Recovered next year ¹	Date Sold	Sale Price	Gain (or Loss)
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PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ITEMS

	A	B	C	D	E
LINE #	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT				
	Date Bought ¹	Description of Machinery & Equipment	Remaining Tax Basis of Trade-in	Additional Amount Paid	Total Cost
1					
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9					
10	Totals				

¹ Include year

	A	B	C	D	E
LINE #	REAL ESTATE – Land & Buildings				
	Date Bought ¹	Acres / Units	Description of Land & Buildings	Notes	Total Cost
11					
12					
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19					
20	Totals				

¹ Include year

PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ITEMS

	A	B	C	D	E
LINE #	BREEDING LIVESTOCK				
	Date Bought ¹	Description of Breeding Livestock	Remaining Tax Basis of Trade-in	Additional Amount Paid	Total Cost
1					
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10	Totals				

¹ Include year

	A	B	C	D	E
LINE #	OTHER				
	Date Bought ¹	Acres / Units	Description of Other	Notes	Total Cost
11					
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20	Totals				

¹ Include year

SALE OF CAPITAL ITEMS

	A	B	C	D	E	F
LINE #	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT					
	Date Sold ¹	Description of Machinery & Equipment	Sale Price	Date Bought ¹	Tax Basis Remaining When Sold	Gain (or Loss) C - E
1						
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10	Totals					

¹ Include year

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
LINE #	REAL ESTATE—Land, Buildings, Etc.						
	Date Sold ¹	Acres / Units	Description of Land, Buildings, Etc.	Sale Price	Date Bought ¹	Original Cost	Gain (or Loss) D - F
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¹ Include year

SALE OF CAPITAL ITEMS

	A	B	C	D	E	F
LINE #	BREEDING LIVESTOCK					
	Date Sold ¹	Description of Breeding Livestock	Sale Price	Date Bought ¹	Tax Basis Remaining When Sold ²	Gain (or Loss) C - E
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¹ Include year ² If raised, there is no tax basis.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
LINE #	OTHER					
	Date Sold ¹	Description of Other	Sale Price	Date Bought ¹	Original Cost	Gain (or Loss) D - E
16						
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20	Totals					

¹ Include year

WITHHOLDING AND SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT FOR HIRED LABOR
 (See Farmer's Tax Guide [IRS Pub. #225] for withholding and deposit Rules)

Date	Check No.	Federal Income Tax & Soc. Sec.		Date	Check No.	State Income Tax		Date	Check No.	Other*	
		Final Payment for Last Year				Final Payment for Last Year				Final Payment for Last Year	
		Deposit No. 1				Deposit No. 1				Deposit No. 1	
		Deposit No. 2				Deposit No. 2				Deposit No. 2	
		Deposit No. 3				Deposit No. 3				Deposit No. 3	
		Deposit No. 4				Deposit No. 4				Deposit No. 4	
		Deposit No. 5				Deposit No. 5				Deposit No. 5	
		Deposit No. 6				Deposit No. 6				Deposit No. 6	
		Deposit No. 7				Deposit No. 7				Deposit No. 7	
		Deposit No. 8				Deposit No. 8				Deposit No. 8	
		Deposit No. 9				Deposit No. 9				Deposit No. 9	
		Deposit No. 10				Deposit No. 10				Deposit No. 10	
		Deposit No. 11				Deposit No. 11				Deposit No. 11	
		Deposit No. 12				Deposit No. 12				Deposit No. 12	
		Subtotals				Subtotals				Subtotals	

* Could include items like Medicare, Federal Unemployment and Worker's Compensation.

CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

JANUARY

M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	LINE #
SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Com	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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* Note the election of Schedule F. These may not be treated as income for tax purposes.

CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

FEBRUARY

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

MARCH

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

APRIL

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

MAY

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

JUNE

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

JULY

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME						LINE #	
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

AUGUST

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

SEPTEMBER

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

NOVEMBER

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SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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CASH SALES OF FARM PRODUCED ITEMS AND OTHER FARM INCOME

DECEMBER

M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	LINE #
SALE OF CROPS						OTHER FARM INCOME							
Tobacco	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Hay	Other	Custom Work	Patronage Refunds	Gov't Payments	Gas Tax Refund	CCC* Loans			
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FARM CASH SUMMARY

CASH IN		AMOUNT	CASH OUT		AMOUNT
1	Sale of Farm Produced Items (page 62, line 13, col. D)	\$	12	Farm Business Expenses (page 60, line 13, col. D)	\$
2	Sale of Cattle Bought for Resale (page 26, line 25, col. G)		13	Cattle Bought for Resale (page 26, line 25, col. D)	
3	Sale of Hogs Bought for Resale (page 26, line 25, col. O)		14	Hogs Bought for Resale (page 26, line 25, col. L)	
4	Sale of _____ Bought for Resale (page 27, line 25, col. G)		15	_____ Bought for Resale (page 27, line 25, col. D)	
5	Sale of _____ Bought for Resale (page 27, line 25, col. O)		16	_____ Bought for Resale (page 27, line 25, col. L)	
6	Sale of Capital Items:		17	Capital Items Bought:	
7	Real Estate (page 30, line 20, col. D)		18	Real Estate (page 28, line 20, col. E)	
8	Machinery & Equipment (page 30, line 10, col. C)		19	Machinery & Equipment (page 28, line 10, col. D)	
9	Breeding Livestock (page 31, line 15, col. C)		20	Breeding Livestock (page 29, line 10, col. D)	
10	Other Capital Items (page 31, line 20, col. C)		21	Other (page 29, line 20, col. E)	
11	TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS (ADD LINES 1 - 10)	\$	22	TOTAL CASH EXPENSES (ADD LINES 12 - 21)	\$
			23	NET CASH FLOW (11 - 22)	\$

NOTES

CROP PRODUCTION AND LAND USE

A	B	C	D	E	F	LINE #
Field Number	Crop	Acres	Yield Per Acre	Total Production	Notes	
						1
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						26
						27
						28
						29
						30
Total Crop Acres						31

FARM MAP AND LAND USE NOTES

FARM LOAN SUMMARY

A		B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Description		Beginning Balance	Amount Borrowed This Year	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance	Beginning Accrued Interest	Ending Accrued Interest
Short-term Loans (less than 12 months)								
1	Total Short-term							
Intermediate Loans (over 1 year to less than 10 years)								
2	Total Intermediate							
Long-term Loans (more than 10 years)								
3	Total Long-term							

The cost of livestock and other items which you buy for resale (such as feeder cattle and feeder pigs) should be recorded on pages 26 and 27, columns D & E. For tax purposes, only the cost of livestock sold during the current tax year is deductible. The cost of livestock purchased in the current tax year but not sold can be entered in column E, "cost to be recovered next year."

The cost of capital items, such as real estate, machinery and breeding livestock should be recorded on pages 28 and 29.

There are 4 pages provided for Hired Labor Expenses. While the total amount spent for hired labor can be entered on the "Deductible Farm Business Expenses," pages 2-25, these pages might be helpful in keeping up with tax withholding and other information for individual employees. Pages 32 and 33 are provided to help you keep up with wages and withholding paid on full-time workers. Page 34 provides space to record payments and withholding for part-time or seasonal workers and page 35 provides a record of your deposits of withholdings with the Federal Government.

FARM INCOME

The sale of livestock and other items bought for resale can be recorded on pages 26 and 27, columns F & G.

Capital items which you sell, such as real estate, machinery and breeding livestock, should be recorded on pages 30 and 31.

Pages 36-59 are provided for the recording of cash sales of farm produced items such as crops, livestock, and livestock products on a monthly basis. In addition, other types of farm income such as government payments, gas tax refunds, custom work and patronage refunds are recorded on this page. There are 2 blank columns (X & Y) on this page where other categories of farm income (such as crop insurance proceeds) may be recorded.

ANNUAL SUMMARIES

Pages 60 and 61 are provided to summarize on one page the annual expenses for the year. Pages 62 and 63 provide an annual summary of cash sales and other income. This information may be quite useful as you put together budget and cash flow projections for next year based on this year's experience.

Finally, page 64 gathers all information on cash inflows and outflows for the year. This is a summary of your farm's cash flow and NOT an accurate indication of your farm's NET FARM INCOME. Remember, annual balance sheets are required to put together an accurate income statement.

SOCIAL SECURITY, SELF EMPLOYMENT AND MEDICARE TAXES

As a farmer-employer, you may be required to pay social security and Medicare taxes if you have one or more agricultural employees. This includes your parents, your children 18 years of age or older and your spouse. You will have to pay these two taxes on your employees if you:

1. Pay the employee \$150 or more in cash wages during the year, or
2. Pay cash wages of \$2,500 or more during the year to all your employees.

Social security and Medicare taxes have different tax rates and wage bases. The wage base is the maximum wage for the year that is subject to the taxes. For further information on this subject refer to IRS publications Agricultural Workers, Circular A, and The Farmers Tax guide.

Circular A contains tables showing the amount of social security and Medicare taxes you should withhold. It also contains additional information on how you need to pay the amounts withheld and where to send your payment.

If you run your farm as a sole proprietorship or as a partnership, you must figure how much of your income is subject to the self employment tax. There are three steps to determine how much tax you owe:

1. Determine your net earnings from self employment.
2. Determine how much of those net earnings are subject to the self employment tax.
3. Multiply that amount by the tax rate.

There is a Farm Optional Method available to figure your net earnings from self employment. This method allows you to continue coverage for the self employment tax when your net profit for the year is very low or you have a loss. See the Farmers Tax Guide for further details and reporting requirements. A copy of the Farmers Tax Guide is available at your local Cooperative Extension Office.

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