“Getting Your Farm & Family Affairs in Order” Webinars to be Offered

Farm accidents, cancer, disability, heart attacks, failing health, and death are all words farmers do not like to hear. Farming is the nation’s second most dangerous occupation in the United States. This combined with the aging farm population, could mean that your farm business might lose one of its key managers unexpectedly. Is your farm ready for the unexpected? Have you prepared the next generation to run your farm business after you are gone?

To help address the “ah-crap” moments caused by the unexpected, OSU Extension is pleased to be offering a webinar workshop, titled “Getting your Farm & Family Affairs in Order.” This webinar is open to farmers across the country and will be held three times. Farm families are encouraged to choose the one which works the best for their family. These webinars will be held on:

Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. EST
*Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. EST
Thursday, January 9, 2014, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. EST

*The December 18 session can be viewed at the OSU Extension, Darke County Office, 603 Wagner Avenue, Greenville, Ohio. To register for the on-site location in Darke County, call 937.548.5215. Registration for the Greenville location will be $5.00 and payable at the door.

David Morrison, OSU Extension Educator and Associate Professor will be the featured speaker for the webinar. Learn how to develop an emergency contact list for your farm and how to develop a letter of instructions to your heirs regarding your financial matters. Learn how to consolidate all of your financial and personal information (real property, savings and investment accounts, legal documents) in one easy document. This will help you get a better handle on your finances and allow you to get a jump start on your estate plan. Learn the “opossum approach” to checking to see if your heirs are ready to run the farm business. Take time to organize your financial matters for your peace of mind. This program will save you hundreds of dollars as you plan to develop your succession, retirement, and estate plans. Get your affairs in order so you can concentrate on your family, career, and bucket list!

No pre-registration is required if you are participating from home and producers can attend by logging on to: http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/ohioagmanager/ Participants are encouraged to test their computer systems out by logging onto the web site before the program. More information
about this program can be obtained by contacting David Marrison at marrison.2@osu.edu or 440-576-9008, or visit the Darke County OSU Extension web site at www.darke.osu.edu, the OSU Extension Darke County Facebook page or contact Sam Custer, at 937.548.5215.