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Computerized Farm Record Keeping Workshops

Hardin County – Are you a farmer looking for a better way to keep your farm records? As farm size, income or debt increases, many farmers and lenders look for computer programs that allow fast data entry, have internal checks for accuracy and allow summarizing of data. Most farmers begin their search by asking "Is there a simple computer program that will keep my records like the farm account books?"

If so, plan on attending Hardin County OSU Extension's "Computerized Farm Record Keeping Workshops using Quicken." A series of two workshops will be held at the Hardin County Extension office, 1021 W Lima Street, Kenton, Ohio on Fridays, March 15th and 22nd from 12:30-3:30 pm.

Quicken® software was selected as it is a simple cash system. It's popular with farmers due to the ease of data entry and its low price of \$75 to \$100. This single-entry system is essentially an electronic checkbook. It allows users to record transactions of both the farm and family, to track loans, write checks, reconcile the checkbook with the bank statement, and quickly create reports for financial and tax purposes.

This workshop will use the data from an "example farm." Learn how to set up accounts, categorize income and expenses, run tax reports, and prepare farm production reports. This workshop is for participants who are familiar with keyboarding and using a computer mouse. It is a medium-paced workshop and covers a variety of farming examples to maximize the learning experience. The instructor is Bruce Clevenger, OSU Extension Educator, Defiance County.

Participants will learn about Quicken® using an OSU Computer Lab provided during workshop with Quicken® software installed. A workshop manual/home reference will be provided. Registration is \$75.00 per farm business (Maximum 2 people per farm) and can be paid when registering for the workshops. Registration is due no later than March 8. Space is limited to 10 workstations. More information about the class can be obtained by calling Mark Badertscher at 419-782-4771 or badertscher.4@osu.edu

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