

Additional Resources

Books:

Fearless Farm Finances, by Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)

A little hokey, but contains a great breakdown of the various financial ratios and measurements for analyzing the financial health of your farm.

The Farmer's Office, by Julia Shanks

An excellent and thorough review of business planning, using Quickbooks, and using your financial statements to understand your farm. Includes access to various online templates.

The Organic Farmer's Business Handbook, by Richard Wiswall

A solid guide to all aspects of farm management. Includes a companion cd that includes bookkeeping and financial statement spreadsheet templates.

Online Resources

- <https://thefarmersoffice.com/>: online companion to the book, including courses for getting started with Quickbooks and understanding financials.
- <http://juliashanks.com/>: Julia Shanks' consulting website. The video tutorials walk you through using Quickbooks and making sense of financial statements.
- <http://thecarrotproject.org/>: all sorts of resources for farm management, including a financial management task check list and a detailed breakdown of those tasks:

https://nesfp.org/sites/default/files/resources/the_carrot_project_financial_calendar_to_ol_part_i_-_checklist.pdf

https://nesfp.org/sites/default/files/resources/the_carrot_project_financial_calendar_to_ol_part_ii_-_task_details.pdf

- <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040sf.pdf>: the current schedule f form
- <https://attra.ncat.org/product/basic-accounting-guidance-for-beginning-farmers/>
ATTRAs introduction to accounting