

Program Description

This program is geared towards current and future farm managers/owners, agribusinesses and small business owners who are looking to improve their human resource management (HRM) skills. The program includes hands-on activities to engage managers to increase management awareness and ability.

Interactive sessions aim to build skills in a wide variety of human resource management topics important to farm businesses and small businesses. Learn from other farmers and managers to take home effective and practical approaches to human resource management.

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> Objectives <

- Learn how different leadership styles are used on the farm and in small businesses
- Reduce mis-hires and turnover through hiring best practices
- Learn about organizational culture and how it affects employee motivation and engagement
- Identify keys to creating a motivating work environment
- Learn how to effectively communicate expectations to employees
- Develop skills to provide more effective feedback
- Learn methods for addressing and working through conflict



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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, or if you have special dietary needs, please contact Ed Farris at 260-358-4826 or John Woodmansee at 260-244-7615 by Mar. 8.



BECOMING THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

April 2, 3, and 4, 2024
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Whitley Co. 4-H Center
680 West Squawbuck Rd.
Columbia City, IN 46725

Improve your human resource management skills through lessons and engaging hands-on activities that increase managerial awareness and ability.



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Program Modules

Trained Instructors will guide you through the following modules in this day long training:

From Managers to Leaders

- Review the role of leadership in HRM
- Discuss the different leadership styles and applications on farms and small businesses
- Understand their own leadership skills

Developing a Motivated Workforce

- Identify the keys to a motivating environment
- Assess the motivational climate on your farm, agribusiness or small business
- Increase awareness of motivating factors and types of power
- Understand their own use of power and persuasion

Hiring the Right People

- Ask interview questions that are specific to the requirements of the job
- Use the interview process to reveal applicants' skills, abilities, and thought processes related to job requirements
- Write job descriptions to define and evaluate job positions on the farm or small business
- Have the tools needed to reduce mis-hires and turnover rates

The Farm Business Culture

- Learn about organizational culture and how it affects employee motivation and engagement
- Gain awareness of employees' culture and how they bring culture to the job
- Identify both positive and negative elements of their own farm or small business culture

Strategic Leadership & On-Boarding

- Learn how to effectively communicate expectations to employees
- Learn about on-boarding practices and training opportunities
- Develop a vision for the farm or small business to engage and motivate employees

Reviews & Feedback

- Learn how to provide constructive feedback to employees
- Be able to develop skills to provide more effective feedback
- Learn about performance reviews and incentive plans

Managing Conflict

- Understand basic concepts in conflict management
- Learn about basic methods to work through conflict

Registration

2024 Becoming the Employer of Choice

Registration Fee is \$45

Fee includes handouts, snacks, and resources.
Additional attendee(s) from the same operation/business is \$10/person

Registration Deadline:

March 28

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional attendee(s)

\$45/person = \$ _____

+ \$10/each additional = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED= \$ _____

Please make your check payable to:
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