Farm Tax Planning Strategies 2022

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Potential for Higher 2022 Income

	2021	2022
Corn Yield in bu/acre	180	185
Corn Price in \$/bu	\$5.50	\$6.50
Gross / Acre	\$990	\$1,202

On 1,000 Acres, increased gross income \$212,000



Operator's Share of Labor and Management Income Adjusted for Inflation



What Should My Adjusted Gross Income Be?

Amounts needed for:

- SolutionSolutionSolutionFamily living
- □ \$ 20,000 Income tax liability
- \$ 30,000
 Principal payments above Depreciation
- \$130,000
 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- To the extent actual AGI is less than \$130,000 tax deferral is generated



Tax Planning 2022: Federal Income Tax Rates

Highest Marginal Tax Rate 70% in 1978

37% in 2022

- Reduced to 29.6% if business income via Qualified Business Income Deduction (QBID)
- 19.2% highest rate up to about \$340,000 income

Tax Paid by Average FBFM farm \$ 3,800 in 1984

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\$26,000 in 2021



Tax Brackets 2022 – Married Filing Jointly

Income	Tax Rate	Reduce by 20% if QBID applies
<\$20,550	10%	8.0%
>\$20,550	12%	9.6%
>\$83,550	22%	17.6%
>\$178,150	24%	19.2%
>\$340,100	32%	25.6%
>\$431,900	35%	28.0%
>\$647,850	37%	29.6%



QBID – Qualified Business Income Deduction

20% deduction for Qualified Business Income (QBI)

- Sch F, Sch C, Passthrough from entities operating as business
- Exceptions
 - Limited 20% Taxable Income (minus Capital Gain income)
 - Carryover or QBID losses
 - Wages and Coop Sales (lesser of 9% of QBI or 50% of wages)

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• Over Max Threshold (other limits)

*****EXPIRES after 2025



Tax Planning 2022: Depreciation Provisions

100% bonus depreciation through 2022

All farm assets including machine sheds (new & used)

\$1,080,000 Maximum Sec 179 deduction

\$2,700,000 Maximum Sec 179 purchase limit *Most farm assets (new & used)*

Related party acquisitions do not qualify

Must be placed in service

"in a state of readiness for its intended use"

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Tax Planning 2022 - Illinois

Illinois Depreciation Changes For tax years ending on or after 12/31/2021

- NO BONUS ALLOWED for Illinois tax
- Bonus depreciation lowers federal tax, not Illinois tax
- In later years, gains on sales or trades will result in different taxable amounts for federal and Illinois

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Tax Planning Strategies – Using Grain

- **Gifts of Grain to Charity**
- Need proof of transfer.
- Saves Federal, State and Self-Employment (SE) tax
- Grain Wages Need proof of transfer. Saves SE tax for employee and employer
- **CCC Loans**
- Can be used to generate cash without taking income, low rates
- Establish deferred payment contracts
- **Creates flexibility to move income from new year to prior year. Likely much higher costs for prepay inputs**

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Tax Planning Strategies

Keep Sch F income Positive Income above freebies (Standard Deduction, >0 Sch F SE Deductions)

Optional SE Method

If Sch F has to be negative, use Optional SE Method to pay a little tax to get 4 quarters of coverage for disability and retirement.

Income Averaging

Can average income tax in high year back over lower brackets evenly in 3 prior years

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Favorable 2022 Tax Rates with Capital Gains

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\$18,000

\$ 14,000

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- Land sale price
- Less cost basis
- Capital gain
- Machinery sale price
- Less cost basis
- **Capital gain**
- **Ordinary gain**

\$150,000 \$ 130,000 and fully depreciated \$ 20,000 \$ 130,000



Favorable 2022 Tax Rates with Capital Gains

Married Filing Joint

- 0% up to \$ 83,350
- 15% up to \$ 517,200
- 20% over these amounts

Tax on 80 acres with \$14,000 gain per acre

= \$1,120,000 gain

\$ 185,637 Federal (If ordinary gain: \$339,366)

\$ 55,440 Illinois



Income Averaging

3 year look back for 2022 >> look to 2021, 2020, 2019

Mathematically moves higher 2022 income to fill up unused lower brackets in 3 prior years

Effectively can allow 37% tax rate on 2022 income to be taxed at 12% or 22% if buckets available in 2021/2020/2019

If \$100,000 available @ 22%, saves 15% = \$15,000

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Unintended Results from Higher Income

- More Social Security benefits taxable
- Medicare Part B & D premium surcharges 2 years later
- Net Investment Income Tax (3.8%)
- Additional Medicare Tax (0.9%)
- Reduced Qualified Business Income Deduction (QBID)



Considerations after End of Tax Year

- **Crop insurance deferral to following year (cash basis taxpayer)**
- Elect out of installment grain sales to increase 2022 income
- **Catch up omitted depreciation**
- **Income Averaging (Sch J)**
- **Expenses paid with vendor financing**

Health Savings Account (HSA) Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Simplified Employee Pensions (SEP)



- **Improving Itemized Deduction Value**
- **Donations of grain**
- **Bunching deductions every other year**
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from IRA**
- **Pass Through Entity tax**
- State income tax for individual, paid by entity
- Entity deducts as business expense



Pass Through Entity Tax

\$200,000 Partnership taxable income

- 4.95% Illinois individual income tax rate
- \$9,900 Illinois tax liability
- When paid by the individuals, limited or zero tax benefit
- When paid by the entity, a new federal tax deduction



Pass Through Entity Tax

\$9,900 Federal tax deduction (reduces K1 line 1)
22% Federal individual income tax rate
\$2,178 Federal tax liability saved

Tax benefit may be reduced by 20% when Qualified Business Income Deduction (QBID) is impacted

Federal tax deduction is added back to Illinois income



Pass Through Entity (PTE) Tax

- Some entities will have 2 years of PTE deductions in 2022
- Estimated tax payments are required by entity
- **Reduced estimated payments for individual**
- New deductions for itemizers and non-itemizers
- Treats resident and non-resident owners alike No more pass through withholding Eliminates need to adjust distributions





Key Tax Amounts for 2023

Federal Estate Tax Exemption: \$12,920,000

Sec 179 deduction limit: \$1,160,000

Married Filing Joint top of 22% bracket: \$190,750

Married Filing Joint standard deduction: \$27,700

Annual Gift Exclusion: \$17,000





Tax Provisions Expiring After 2025

Qualified Business Income Deduction 20%

Reduction in Tax Brackets: old 15%/25%, now 12%/22%

Increased child tax credit: old \$1000, now \$2000

Higher standard deduction: old \$12,600, now \$25,900

Federal estate exemption reverts to \$5 million + inflation





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return.

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when the cost of production rises.

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