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FARM VIABILITY TRAINING

MODULE 3

FINANCIAL
RATIOS
CASE STUDY

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AGENDA

- Intro to financial ratios
- Why use ratios
- Calculations
- How to compare and interpret
- 4 Farms Case Study





***Performance metrics are numbers
in context, results related to the
strategic goals of the business.***

-Pearl Zhu



RATIO ANALYSIS

What and Why



- Financial Ratios show the relationship between numbers
- We have a go-to list of key ratios for financial management.
- The metrics that align most closely with strategic goals and financial performance are labeled "Key Performance Indicators" or KPI's

RATIO ANALYSIS

Beware!

- Consistency is key!
- The categorization of your transactions must be diligently aligned month to month for true comparison.
- Peer groups can use ratios to compare or "benchmark" financials. Why? To inspire sharing of best practices.



METRICS & KPI'S

Why run all metrics?
Why not just KPI's?

- Indicator of business areas that are out of control or not performing to expectations
- Metrics will become the content for client's performance dashboard



KTC'S SMALL FARM RATIOS

Worksheet of Ratios

- Sales per Employee
- Labor as % of Sales
- Gross Margin
- Inventory Turns
- Average Pay per Employee
- \$ of Sales per \$1 of Assets
- Total Sales / Number Employees
- Total Labor \$ / Total Sales
 - with and without owner pay
- Gross Profit / Total Sales
- Gross Profit / Year End Inventory
- Total Labor / Number Employees
- Total Sales / Assets (Equipment)



What other metrics have you found valuable?

RATIOS AND BENCHMARKING



Critical Point for Trainers

- Financial benchmarking is a hot term right now. What does that mean to you?
- Farmers want to know how they are doing and have a support system. Peer groups are great for this!
- Biggest opportunities for learning:
 - Major outliers are usually for a reason, such as not paying any rent or not paying themselves or labor yet.
 - This is one of the best reasons to inspire a farmer to get into Quickbooks – join the group!



Organizational structure and management style are those two factors that we always forget to analyze when the performance of our businesses goes down.

-POOJA AGNIHOTRI





4 FARMS CASE STUDY: GETTING FINANCIALLY NAKED

Roundtable Case Study
with Real Numbers
from Real Farms





4 FARMS CASE STUDY: GETTING FINANCIALLY NAKED

Part 1: Using reports & ratio analysis

Part 2: Diving deeper with benchmarking

4 groups - your farm's case

Group sharing

Benchmarking review

Discussion and integration



OUR INTENT TODAY

- Show the value of financial collaboration
- Practice skills and gain comfort with ratio analysis and benchmarking reports
- Put metrics and ratios in context

CASE STUDY

Roundtable Case Study, 4 Groups

- Internal group questions
- Group information sharing
- Financial ranking information
- Moderated Q & A
- Conclusions
- KTC's Take Home Lessons
- Next Steps
- Questions



CASE STUDY

Financials of Four
Real World Farms





ROUNDTABLE CASE STUDY

- Break into 4 groups
- Read your intro
- Review financials, ask 2-3 clarifying questions
- Answer your 4 case study questions and choose a spokesperson from your group

ROUNDTABLE CASE STUDY

Internal Group Questions

- Has the business gotten more efficient year on year?
- Where does the business have the greatest opportunity for improvement?
- What's the most important question you would ask an advisor who knows about this business? What question needs to be asked?
- What's the most important number they need to focus on in the next 12 months?

What other questions would you ask?



ROUNDTABLE CASE STUDY

Group Info Sharing



ROUNDTABLE CASE STUDY

Financial Ranking Information

- Why are financial ratios important?
- What can we learn from this exercise about our own business case?
- Who do we want to network with and learn from in the group?
- How can we help others?

Take these lessons to your own groups or clients after today's training!



KEY RATIOS, SORTED



Rank	Farm/ Year	Sales per employee	Farm/ Year	Sales per total acres	Farm/ Year	COGS as % of sales	Farm/ Year	Marketing as % of sales	Farm/ Year	\$ of Sales per \$1 of Fixed Assets
1	#2-18	\$ 49,384	#3-18	\$30,627	#1-17	40%	#2-17	9%	#1-17	\$ 11.56
2	#2-17	\$ 41,841	#3-17	\$27,799	#1-18	38%	#4-17	8%	#2-17	\$ 6.57
3	#1-17	\$ 38,158	#2-18	\$13,169	#4-17	17%	#2-18	4%	#1-18	\$ 6.06
4	#3-18	\$ 26,632	#2-17	\$11,158	#4-18	16%	#4-18	3%	#3-17	\$ 3.66
5	#3-17	\$ 24,173	#4-17	\$6,540	#2-18	12%	#3-18	1%	#3-18	\$ 3.28
6	#1-18	\$ 20,254	#4-18	\$5,572	#3-17	10%	#1-17	1%	#4-18	\$ 1.52
7	#4-17	\$ 19,621	#1-17	\$4,579	#3-18	10%	#1-18	1%	#4-17	\$ 1.51
8	#4-18	\$ 16,715	#1-18	\$2,430	#2-17	6%	#3-17	0.4%	#2-18	\$ 0.40
Rank	Farm/ Year	Labor as % of Sales	Farm/ Year	Sales per acre farmed	Farm/ Year	Gross Margin	Farm/ Year	Repair/Maint as % of expenses	Farm/ Year	OpEx as % of Sales
1	#4-18	53%	#3-18	\$40,835	#2-17	94%	#1-18	15%	#2-17	20%
2	#2-18	52%	#2-18	\$39,507	#3-18	90%	#1-17	8%	#1-17	20%
3	#4-17	45%	#3-17	\$37,066	#3-17	90%	#2-17	4%	#1-18	19%
4	#3-17	41%	#2-17	\$33,473	#2-18	88%	#4-17	3%	#3-18	14%
5	#3-18	41%	#1-17	\$15,263	#4-18	84%	#3-17	3%	#3-17	13%
6	#2-17	26%	#4-17	\$14,015	#4-17	83%	#4-18	3%	#2-18	11%
7	#1-17	18%	#4-18	\$11,939	#1-18	62%	#2-18	2%	#4-17	10%
8	#1-18	7%	#1-18	\$8,101	#1-17	60%	#3-18	2%	#4-18	8%

ROUNDTABLE CASE STUDY

Moderated Q & A

- If your group could ask 2 questions of any other business in the study, what would they be?

Let's answer them and learn!



FINANCIALS - ALL 4 FARMS



PROFIT AND LOSS	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	Farm 1	Farm 1	Farm 2	Farm 2	Farm 3	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 4
Sales	\$ 121,522	\$ 228,945	\$ 197,537	\$ 167,364	\$ 612,531	\$ 555,983	\$ 83,573	\$ 98,105
- COGS	\$ 45,901	\$ 92,498	\$ 24,464	\$ 10,783	\$ 63,147	\$ 57,876	\$ 13,403	\$ 17,004
Gross Profit	\$ 75,621	\$ 136,447	\$ 173,073	\$ 156,581	\$ 549,384	\$ 498,107	\$ 70,170	\$ 81,101
	62%	60%	88%	94%	90%	90%	84%	83%
- Opex	\$ 23,648	\$ 44,856	\$ 21,040	\$ 33,505	\$ 87,779	\$ 71,336	\$ 6,939	\$ 9,658
----Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 12,277	\$ 12,527	\$ 4,568	\$ 6,290	\$ 8,975	\$ 10,887	\$ 2,384	\$ 3,457
- G & A	\$ 9,449	\$ 25,872	\$ 20,642	\$ 38,640	\$ 12,270	\$ 25,502	\$ 14,449	\$ 23,863
----Marketing	\$ 733	\$ 1,935	\$ 8,443	\$ 14,246	\$ 5,674	\$ 2,434	\$ 2,748	\$ 7,749
- Fixed	\$ 23,789	\$ 21,331	\$ 6,750	\$ 12,992	\$ 16,971	\$ 18,604	\$ 19,320	\$ 20,383
- Labor	\$ 8,091	\$ 41,798	\$ 103,596	\$ 42,715	\$ 252,641	\$ 229,436	\$ 44,236	\$ 43,679
- One Time	\$ 5,428	0	\$ 32,659	\$ 5,330	\$ 30,320	\$ 21,550	0	0
Net Profit	\$ 5,216	\$ 2,590	\$ (11,614)	\$ 23,399	\$ 149,403	\$ 131,679	\$ (14,774)	\$ (16,482)
Net Profit as % of Sales	4.3%	1.1%	-5.9%	14.0%	24.4%	23.7%	-17.7%	-16.8%

BALANCE SHEET	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	Farm 1	Farm 1	Farm 2	Farm 2	Farm 3	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 4
Total Long Term Debt	\$ 55,110	\$ 36,125	\$ 309,360	0	34,408	15,344	\$ 54,180	\$ 61,163
Assets: Long Term (land and buildings)	\$ 15,218	\$ 14,968	\$ 470,000	0	\$ 147,379	\$ 145,135	0	0
Assets: Short Term (equipment, accounting for depreciation)	\$ 4,843	\$ 4,843	\$ 25,472	\$ 25,472	\$ 39,497	\$ 6,587	\$ 55,068	\$ 65,169
A/P	0	0	0	0	\$ 2,432	\$ 6,188	\$ 1,166	\$ 560
A/R	\$ 6,052	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,230	\$ 895	\$ 5,800	0	\$ 4,269	\$ 2,138
Equity	\$ (111,159)	\$ (89,521)	\$ 182,643	\$ 54,183	\$ 155,836	\$ 130,190	\$ (7,417)	\$ 3,253

FINANCIALS - ALL 4 FARMS



OPERATIONAL DATA	Farm 1		Farm 2		Farm 3		Farm 4	
Years in Business	9		5		25		10	
Total Acres	50		15		20		15	
Vegetable Acres Farmed	15		5		15		7	
Sales Channels/Customers	200 CSA, 3 Markets, 10 Whls		75 CSA, Farm Stand, 3 Markets		150 CSA, 3 Markets, 45 Whls		100 CSA, 1 Market, 5 Whls	
Number Seasonal Employees	4		3		20		4	
Number Non-Seasonal Employees	2		1		3		1	
Land owned or rented?	Owned		Owned		Owned		Rented	
Initial Financing	FSA Loan		Mortgage		self		Self	
Growth Financing	Family		VAPG		self & mortgage		FSA Loans	
Ownership Structure	S corp		Sole Prop		LLC		LLC	

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Gross Margin	62%	60%	88%	94%	90%	90%	84%	83%							
OpEx as % of sales	19%	20%	11%	20%	14%	13%	8%	10%							
Labor as % of sales	7%	18%	52%	26%	41%	41%	53%	45%							
Marketing as % of sales	1%	1%	4%	9%	1%	0.4%	3%	8%							
Repair/Maintenance as % of expenses	15%	8%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%							
\$ of Sales per \$1 of Fixed Assets	\$ 6.06	\$ 11.56	\$ 0.40	\$ 6.57	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.66	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.51							

ROUNDTABLE CASE STUDY

Conclusions

What's next?

- How to measure gross profitability across different enterprises and best practices
- Let's discuss employee productivity
- What about assets, debt and the balance sheet?
- New sales opportunities

This is what we see. What do you see? What would you want if this was your group?



TAKE HOME LESSONS

Chart of Accounts Basic Theory

Seven Numbers

- Sales
- Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)
- Labor
- General and Admin (G&A)
- Operating Expenses
- Fixed Expenses
- One-Time Expenses



RATIOS AND METRICS



Critical Point for Trainers

- It all starts with a clear Chart of Accounts
- Encourage farmers to set up a dashboard for monthly stats.
- Biggest opportunities for learning:
 - What are healthy ranges for key ratios in this region?
 - How ratios show us which business areas are out of control or not in line with expectations – especially early on when projections are more random.
 - Connecting the outcomes of how data is output and interpreted with what practices are used in Quickbooks

HOW TO USE THE NUMBERS



Critical Point for Trainers

- Calculate and compare period vs. period
 - year over year performance (or quarter or month)
 - actuals vs. budget
 - enterprise vs. enterprise
- When to act? When trends have changed for 3 months.
- Biggest opportunities for learning:
 - Farmers should ask themselves "good or bad" and "why"
 - Strive for improvement with a strategy
 - Implement project management tools to stay on track
 - Seeing what works to move the needle

OTHER KPI'S

Beyond Finance



Marketing KPI's

- Average order value (by customer type)
- Sales by product line
- Website visitors
- E-commerce conversion rate
- Wholesale customer close rate
- Average order frequency
- E-mail open rate
- E-mail click through rate
- E-mail list size or growth rate
- Customer satisfaction rate
- Customer lifetime value
- Marketing campaign ROI
- and so many more...!

Operations KPI's

- Production per hour (pounds, jars, etc)
- Cost by crop (labor tracking)
- % Yield (meat, VAP, etc)
- and so many more!!!

What other metrics have you found valuable?



*Management is doing things right.
Leadership is doing the right things.*

-PETER DRUCKER

