Barley Risk Management Education
Idaho Barley Commission

The Idaho Barley Commission conducted the “Barley Risk Management Education Project,” a project built on more than 9 years of successful grain producer training in Idaho. Participants were offered timely, in-depth training through a combination of webinars, Extension school presentations, workshops and short courses held in multiple locations around the state. Topics included: estate planning, farm and ranch financial management, futures markets, Quickbooks, grain marketing, crop insurance, and collecting and disseminating grain market outlook and analysis tailored to Idaho grain crops and appropriate local and terminal markets. The keys to success for participants, was their commitment to accomplishing course objectives and their willingness to attend multiple workshops.

As a result of this project, 118 Idaho grain (barley) producers acquired and employed more advanced grain marketing skills and strategies; 100 implemented succession and estate management plans; 86 implemented strategies in the area of production cost management, including enterprise budgets and leases and technology; 135 developed and implemented individualized risk management strategies based on tools provided through the University of Idaho Farm Management Schools; and 180 implemented a wide range of risk management tools and strategies, with expanded focus on production, financial, legal and human risks.

Producer Testimonials

“I think it is a great class. I have taken it several times now. I come now mostly for the inspiration to get my FINPACK done each year.”

“I am the fourth generation family farmer. I want the fifth generation to be able to carry the tradition forward.”

“My farm is not large, but I have worked hard to make it a good farm. I want to pass it on in a way that keeps it a working farm and builds on my work.”

“I would give this training an A+. It covered important materials to help make better decisions. The teachers were well informed and very pleasant to listen to and learn from.” – Grain Producer
“Educating America’s farmers and ranchers to manage the unique risks of producing food for the world’s table.”

Extension Risk Management Education (ERME) is delivered through four regional centers that provide grant funding and leadership within their regions.

Projects are producer-focused, results-based and encourage public-private partnerships. Funded projects must identify targeted results that will help producers manage risk and then describe how the project will measure those results.

Extension Risk Management Education has funded innovative programs that have generated tangible results for producers in every state. ERME is committed to funding results, providing transparent accountability, and encouraging collaboration. View the accomplishments of all funded projects on our website. http://ExtensionRME.org

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