

## MACHINERY and LABOR SHARING ARRANGEMENTS

### Strategies for sharing machinery and labor in your farming operation

The Iowa Alliance for Cooperative Business Development is creating producer awareness about cooperative strategies for sharing machinery and labor. Sharing resources can reduce costs and increase efficiency, but sharing may also have other implications that should be considered. The Alliance can provide tools to help you evaluate whether sharing is right for you.



#### Farm Machinery & Labor Sharing Manual

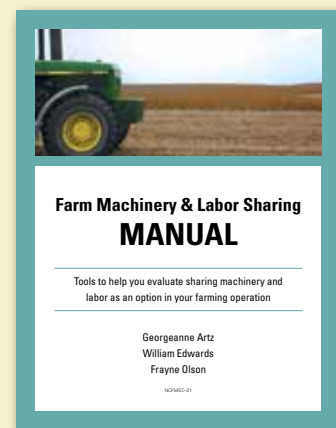
The **Farm Machinery & Labor Sharing Manual** discusses a number of important issues to consider when forming machinery and labor sharing arrangements including benefits and drawbacks of sharing equipment and labor; different sharing structures; and taxation, liability, and farm payment eligibility issues. In addition, a number of case studies of producers who have tried machinery and labor sharing arrangements are included. These case studies highlight the various types of arrangements, identify potential challenges, and explain the strategies these groups used to resolve them.

#### Workshops

The Alliance conducts workshops on cooperative strategies for machinery and labor sharing arrangements. The workshops cover owning, leasing, and renting farm equipment and strategies for sharing machinery and labor.

#### Intergenerational transfers

The Alliance is currently developing case studies highlighting intergenerational transfers of farm assets through machinery and labor sharing arrangements. This work is a collaboration with the Iowa State University Beginning Farmer Center.



#### To Order

The **Farm Machinery & Labor Sharing Manual** is available through MidWest Plan Service for \$25.00 plus shipping and handling.

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