

Taking Over the Family Farm: The Great Divide

Communication about ground rules, planning for the future and financial management are important and necessary considerations

son and his young family returned to the family farm willing to work hard at being a successful farmer, as his father retires in a few years. After about a year of problems and frustration, the entire family participated in a county Cooperative Extension program.

In this setting, the two families came to recognize that they never talked about goals for the business, their expectations of each other, or when and how the son would actually take over the farm.

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