**Special Topics – General Farm Management**

**Course Outcome Summary**

**Course Information:**

**Organization:** Minnesota State  
**Developers:** FBM Curriculum Review Team  
**Course Number:** FBMT 2205 - 2209  
**Type of Instruction:** Individualized  
**Total Credits:** 2.0  
**Total Hours of Instruction:** 8.0

**Description:**

This course focuses on the analysis of special topics in general farm management for students actively engaged in the operation and management of a farm business. Student and instructor will choose from said topics to best fit student needs.

1. Tax planning
2. Balance sheet development
3. Cash flow planning
4. Analysis – whole farm
5. Enterprise analysis
6. Record keeping
7. Benchmarking
8. Production yields
9. Ratio interpretation
10. Goal setting

**Course Outcomes:**

1. Determine a general farm management specific focus for the course based on your farm business
2. Investigate information related to the general farm management special focus
3. Develop an implementation plan
4. Determine the challenges that affect the farm business related to the course focus
5. Research and implement the opportunities that affect the farm business related to the course focus
6. Collect and evaluate the plan results

**Course Outline:**

1. Determine a general farm management specific focus for the course based on your farm business
   1. Select general farm management area to be evaluated
   2. Identify factors for consideration
   3. Examine tools needed to assist with analysis
2. Investigate information related to the general farm management special focus
   1. Research publications and other sources of pertinent data
   2. Compare data for options related to focus area
3. Develop an implementation plan
   1. Identify key factors to include in plan
   2. Incorporate findings into plan
   3. Finalize the plan
4. Implement the plan
5. Evaluate the plan
   1. Monitor actions
   2. Record findings
   3. Consider modifications to the plan as needed, based on findings