



## How to make a Gift of Grain

Follow these steps to help ensure you receive the intended tax benefits from a Gift of Grain.

1. Contact your CPA/Tax Adviser to discuss your personal tax implications.
2. Contact the Richland County Foundation to advise us that a Gift of Grain will be made and complete a letter from the producer before delivering the grain. The letter is available at [richlandcountyfoundation.org](http://richlandcountyfoundation.org) under “Ways to Give Smarter” tab.
3. The gift must be from unsold grain inventory — there can be no prior sale or pricing commitment. The grain must be physically delivered farm commodities and cannot have a lien against it. If it does, a lien waiver from the lender is required.
4. When you deliver the gifted grain to a local elevator, to maintain production history, put the gifted grain in the farmer’s name and issue payment to the Richland County Foundation. Send a copy of the elevator ticket/receipt and the producer letter to the Foundation.
5. The Foundation communicates directly with the grain elevator to give instructions to sell the grain and disburse the proceeds. The co-op applies that day’s price and then sends the payment from the sale of the grain to the Foundation. The payment is identified as a donation from the farmer to the Gift of Grain Fund.
6. Contributing to the Richland County Foundation Gift of Grain Fund allows farmers to avoid the sale of the commodity as income, while the production costs may still be deductible.
7. Depending on the farmer’s circumstances (and everyone’s situation is unique), savings may be realized on federal as well as self-employment tax. Farmers must consult with their tax adviser to determine whether a contribution of commodities is appropriate to their tax situation.

For more information call the Richland County Foundation at 419-525-3020. Send the producer letter to Rachel Weber [rweber@rcfoundation.org](mailto:rweber@rcfoundation.org) or mail it to 181 South Main Street, Mansfield, OH 44902.