

Our approach with this newsletter – which we’ve been writing for almost seven years – is to provide short, practical, and original content useful to family agriculture businesses. For our Thanksgiving issue, we offer you a selection of our writing in other publications. Just click the links in each paragraph to read our perspectives and advice.

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your friends and family!

In Davon’s recent writing for [Farm Futures](#), she offers several articles about family meetings. Especially important during the holidays, she offers [guidance on how to provide space](#) for both family and business discussions, ideas about [who should be included in meetings](#), and perspective on [how \(and why\) to have more family business communication](#).

Lance’s most recent [Progressive Farmer](#) articles contemplate family business succession. One article focuses on reducing the often-overwhelming concerns in the family business transition to [three key questions](#). In another piece, he warns about [negative traits and tendencies](#) that often get passed to the next generation. Finally, he offers [practical tips on how to begin](#) the succession planning process.

Lance has also been writing a short, weekly newsletter on [Substack](#) about the [intersection of faith and family business](#). During the first half of the year, he focused on the Biblical story of Jacob and Esau, and for the rest of the year has been writing about Proverbs. During the holiday season, consider this post on [forgiveness](#), or this final installment in a [series about how to resolve conflict](#).

We are grateful for [Dr. Bill Long](#), who both edits and writes for the Dispatch, and for [Kristi Bernard](#), who handles the formatting, graphics, and delivery of each issue to your inbox. And we appreciate your encouragement through the years, and especially your comments and feedback on our writing. Blessings this season on you, your family, and your family business!

Sidebar articles

This article from *Campden FB* about the [perils and promises of “two-headed leadership”](#) – in other words, having two CEO’s instead of one.

Two articles from *Forbes* about underperforming (adult) children in the family business. The first article defines this [“failure to launch,”](#) and the second article offers [several steps to help deal](#) with the problem.

This video from Fast Company about how a [family business brewery taps the energy](#) of the community, and an article about [how the founders of Timberland shoes started a new company](#) focused on sustainability in shoe production and materials (they are using corn and cotton!).