

LifeCycle MBudget



INTEGRATED PLANNING/PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The latest generation of interactive planning and performance monitoring systems, *LifeCycle Budget* is designed to tightly integrate with the FBS management information suite.

Fast.

- No additional setup required—builds directly from your FBS ledger accounts, centers, loans and management definitions.
- Rapid crop planning tied to Crop Audit fields, input macros and crop inventories.
- Rolling feed and livestock projections from Smart Feeder.
- Instantly adjust quantities or prices.
- Drill-down to cells to quickly make changes.

Flexible.

- Not a spreadsheet, but a expandable, double-entry database to mirror and monitor your business practices every day
- Choose the level of detail you wish to keep.
- Loan amortization and machinery replacement schedules.
- Clone and maintain concurrent weather, price and production scenarios.
- Plan and report by cost/profit center or entire entity.
- Unit-based monitoring with accounting.
- Forecasts roll through multiple years.
- Instant export to Excel spreadsheets.

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The next generation of agricultural financial planning and control starts here.

Unlike Any Software You've Ever Used.

Most agricultural budgets are built on custom spreadsheets or rigid, specialized financial packages. For example, FBS Systems introduced the first computerized ag financial system, *Coordinated Financial Statements for Agriculture (CFS)*, in the early 1980s and followed it with *Agricultural Financial Reporting and Analysis (AFRA)* a few years later.

Spreadsheets, while flexible and expandable, are challenging to design, hard to maintain and difficult to tie back to accounting and other management software.

Financial packages generally adopt a "one size fits all" approach to planning and analysis. As a result, users are locked into pre-defined definitions and logic. As producers transition to full accrual accounting they often find these external packages redundant and their interface with accounting cumbersome.

That's why we were determined to make *LifeCycle* a <u>whole new experience</u>:

- There's virtually **no setup for existing FBS clients**—the software conforms and adapts to your current and future accounts, cost/profit centers, divisions and definitions.
- Budget data parallel real events, allowing you to model and compare quantities as well as dollars
- Because it's a component in the FBS Integrated SeRVware suite *LifeCycle* **tightly integrates** with *Crop Audit* and *Smart Feeder* management modules as well as *TransAction Plus* accounting.

Now, Let's Take a Closer Look at How Integrated Records Make Your Job Easier.

How many times do you find yourself inputting the *same* information into your records system?

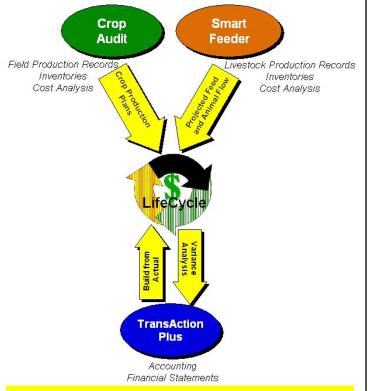
You should never have to load a set of data more than once. But if you're operating several programs, say production records, an accounting module and a spreadsheet—all stand-alone—this won't be the case. When you make an entry in one, you must repeat the step for the other two. Time-consuming. Unnecessary. And a higher risk of error.

And suppose you do make an error in a repetitive entry. Think of the extra time you'd spend in finding where you made the mistake and correcting it.

But if your programs were *integrated* or "linked," they would automatically *share* information. For example, when you record a sale in accounting, the entry simultaneously updates your production inventory. Multiple modules. *One* entry. We call it *SinglePoint* TM data entry.

While you'd be cutting keyboard time by weeks through the year, your records would be more complete and accurate. And you could access them instantly at any time for urgent decisions.

FBS pioneered this concept 25 years ago and has taken it to levels that will probably never be matched.



LifeCycle Budget **tightly integrates** with FBS accounting and production management modules.

Others Sell You Software. We Offer SERVware.

There's a difference. The software you choose to help run your farm should be thought of not as a product, but a *service*. True business software represents the service discipline in much the same manner as a records manager. Accountant. Financial analyst. Even an executive consultant. These are professionals you hire to enhance your management skills, minimize your production costs and build your bottom line.

Sometimes this vital aide on a paper-thin disk needs the backing of able, responsive training and support. Again, we're talking *service*. SERVware from FBS. Unlike ordinary software, it's service, *all* service, from the beginning.

So, if you judge farm software solely on price, you may be settling for a mere product—like an item purchased at a discount store—and ignoring the singular quality that distinguishes the right choice. *Service*.

Plan for a Lifetime.

Forward-thinking managers will appreciate *LifeCycle Budget's* open-architecture platform, integrated design and flexible reporting. But there's more.

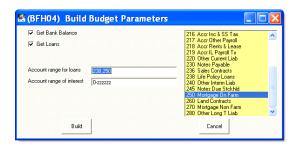
FBS Systems is committed to expanding the functionality of *LCB* just as we have done with the rest of our software offerings since we began serving agriculture in 1980. In a typical year we add 400 program improvements based largely on customer input. In the coming months we will be updating current FBS financial, inventory and production reports to run from the *LCB* database, allowing you to better manage each segment of your operation and even evaluate long-term results from any decision. Some of these options will appear automatically through periodic updates, others as a part of annual version upgrades and a few specialized reports as add-on modules.

So as you study the reports and evaluate the software think about the new ways you can model and monitor your business with a truly integrated planning system.



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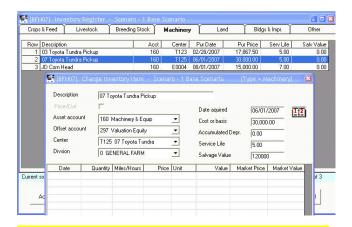
LifeCycle is Comprehensive, Accurate and Interactive



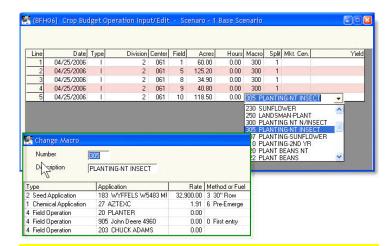
It's a snap to create new budgets when you build from last year's accounting records.



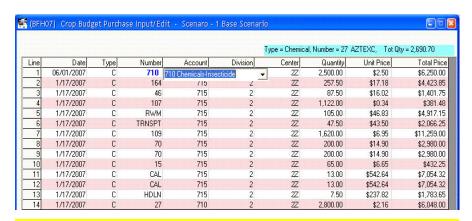
Transfer loan balances from accounting, then project payments using **amortization schedules**.



Track fixed assets throughout their expected life as well as their impact on cash flow.

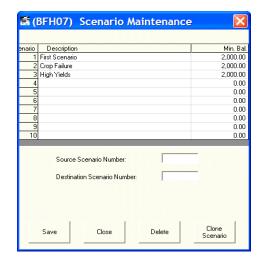


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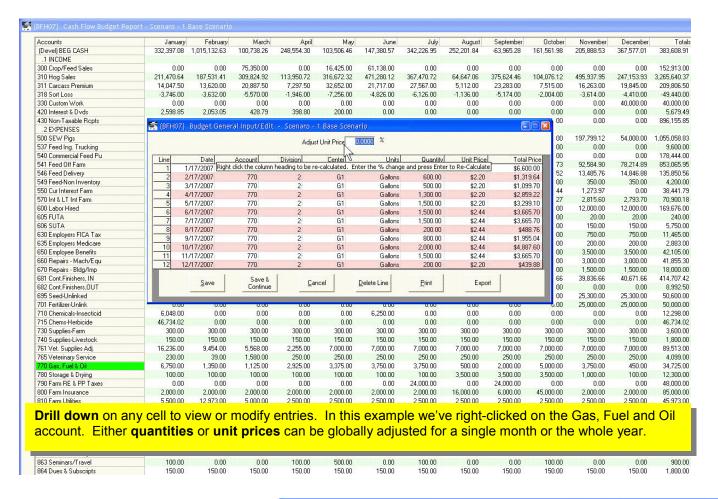


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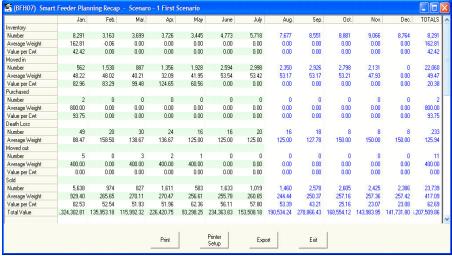
* Optional module.



Compare and maintain alternative yield and price scenarios by instantly "cloning" from your baseline plan.



FBS's **Smart Feeder/Breeder Plan- ning Modules** feed livestock purchases, sales and feed requirements
to *LifeCycle* using growth and feeding
curves, breeding projections and/or
real-time data.



		Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Var.	Actual	Budget	Variance
Acct.	Acct. Desc	Amount	Amount	Act - Bud	Quantity	Quantity	Act - Bud	Unit Price	Unit Price	Act - Bud
300	Crop/Feed Sales	130,128.31	152,913.00	-22,784.69	20,236.98	23,734.00	-3,497.02	6.43	6.36	0.07
310	Hog Sales	1,922,749.36	1,978,200.85	-55,451.49	15,022.00	15,572.00	-550.00	128.00	121.51	6.48
311	Carcass Premium	127,478.26	137,788.50	-10,310.24	14,767.00	16,551.00	-1,784.00	8.63	8.14	0.49
312	Low Value Hogs	13,460.64	0.00	13,460.64	173.00	0.00	173.00	77.81	0.00	77.81
314	No Value Hogs	1,009.80	0.00	1,009.80	38.00	0.00	38.00	26.57	0.00	26.57
318	Sort Loss	-24,615.41	-33,102.00	8,486.59	14,571.00	16,551.00	-1,980.00	-1.69	-2.00	0.31

Compare budget to actual quantities as well as dollars through TransAction Plus Accounting.