

# Strengthening the Cooperative Economy: Practical Tips for Current and Prospective Co-ops

**Webinar Series** 













### Series Schedule

Session 1 | Cooperatives 101 & Business Conversion Issues

October 5 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Session 2 | Cooperatives 101 & Start-Up Issues

October 12 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Session 3 | Maintaining Financial Health for Your Co-op

October 19 - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM \*\*Please note earlier time for this session.

**Session 4** | Human Resources Best Practices

October 26 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Session 5 | Housing Co-ops: Now and the Future

November 2 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

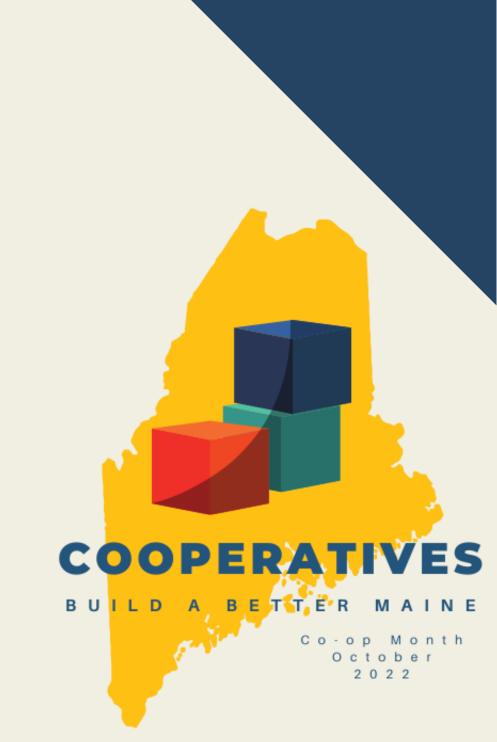












# Session 3 | Maintaining Financial Health for Your Co-Op

October 19, 2022

#### **Panelists:**

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ADAM PRESCOTT	Shareholder, Bernstein Shur, Business Restructuring & Insolvency Practice	
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# Agenda

PART 1	Cooperatives as Businesses
PART 2	Introduction to Financial Documents
PART 3	Common Signs of Financial Distress
PART 4	Internal Practices for Understanding and Using Financial Information
PART 5	Q + A











### Cooperatives as Businesses

- Cooperatives promote democratic principles, facilitate fairness and equality in the workplace, and bring new goods and services to the market on a local, sustainable, and affordable level. But at their core, cooperatives are businesses
- Achieving a cooperative's mission both financial and non-financial rests on its ability to achieve financial success and sustainability
- Lack of financial stability causes monetary loss to members, employees, lenders, creditors, and the community
- "No margin, no mission"













#### The Budget and Pro Forma Financials

- Timely preparation Internal and External Uses
- Knowns and unknowns (contingencies)
- Historic comparisons
- Future adjustments, assumptions, and trends
- Analysis, adjust, and adjust again













- Balance Sheet: Detailed information about a company's assets, liabilities, and equity (Assets = Liabilities
  + Equity)
- <u>Profit & Loss Statement</u>: Report showing revenue the company earned over a specific time period and the costs and expenses associated with earning that revenue (net earnings or losses)
- Cash Flow Statement: Report of inflows and outflows of cash
- Comparisons of Actuals vs Projected: Regularly compare actual financials with projected performance











#### **Income Statement**













_	Jan - Sep 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income	5,143,829.20	4,651,558.19	492,271.01	110.58%
Cost of Goods Sold	3,421,315.16	2,997,523.25	423,791.91	114.14%
Gross Profit	1,722,514.04	1,654,034.94	68,479.10	104.14%
Expense				
61000 · Salaries and Related Expenses	1,124,687.81	1,139,394.03	-14,706.22	98.71%
62000 · Operations Expenses	517,479.99	449,200.94	68,279.05	115.2%
Total Expense	1,642,167.80	1,588,594.97	53,572.83	103.37%
Net Ordinary Income	80,346.24	65,439.97	14,906.27	122.78%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	33,449.77			
Other Expense	23,579.38	17,166.35	6,413.03	137.36%
Net Other Income	9,870.39	-17,166.35	27,036.74	-57.5%
Net Income _	90,216.63	48,273.62	41,943.01	186.89%



**Balance Sheet** 













	Sep 30, 22	Sep 30, 21	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings	637,455.77	648,764.53	-11,308.76	-1.74%
Other Current Assets	376,504.07	297,184.44	79,319.63	26.69%
Total Current Assets	1,013,959.84	945,948.97	68,010.87	7.19%
Fixed Assets	361,458.11	373,264.32	-11,806.21	-3.16%
Other Assets	146,586.34	139,912.60	6,673.74	4.77%
TOTAL ASSETS	1,522,004.29	1,459,125.89	62,878.40	4.31%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	461,947.26	430,827.39	31,119.87	7.22%
Long Term Liabilities	365,267.93	528,260.18	-162,992.25	-30.86%
Total Liabilities	827,215.19	959,087.57	-131,872.38	-13.75%
Equity	694,789.10	500,038.32	194,750.78	38.95%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,522,004.29	1,459,125.89	62,878.40	4.31%



# Internal Practices for Understanding and Using Financial Information

- Timeframe: Daily, weekly, monthly, and annual reporting Different reports for different needs
- Identify the audience and what you are trying to accomplish with that audience
- Maximize visuals and simplify reporting
- Analysis: Trends over time, comparison to budget, comparison to industry data/peers
- Lender perspective What to look for from borrower-cooperatives













# Internal Practices for Understanding and **Using Financial Information**

**Example: Portland Food Co-Op** 

**Quarterly Sales** 





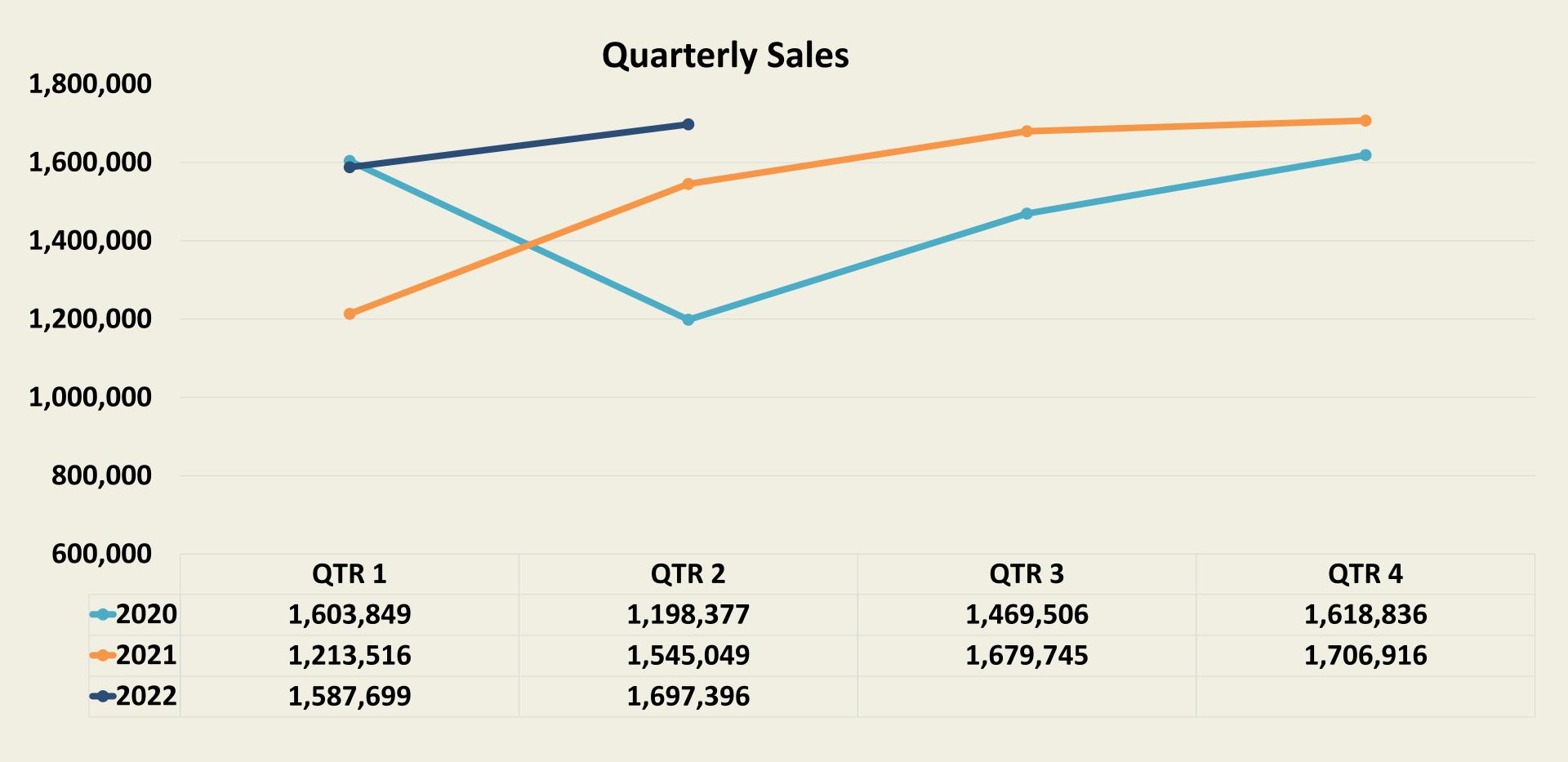








### **Example: Portland Food Co-Op**





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**Example: Portland Food Co-Op** 

Net Income



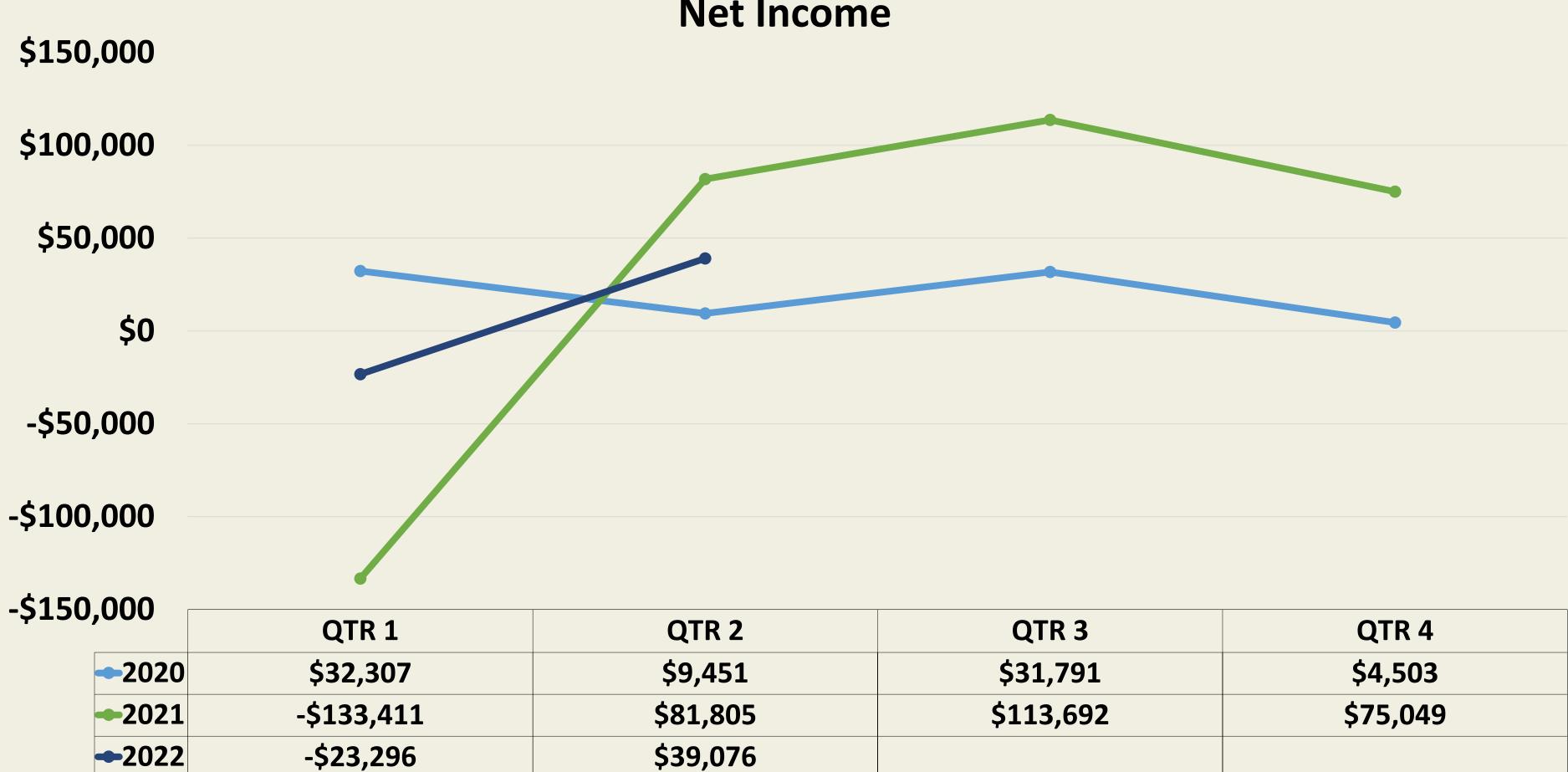














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Payroll as a % of Sales



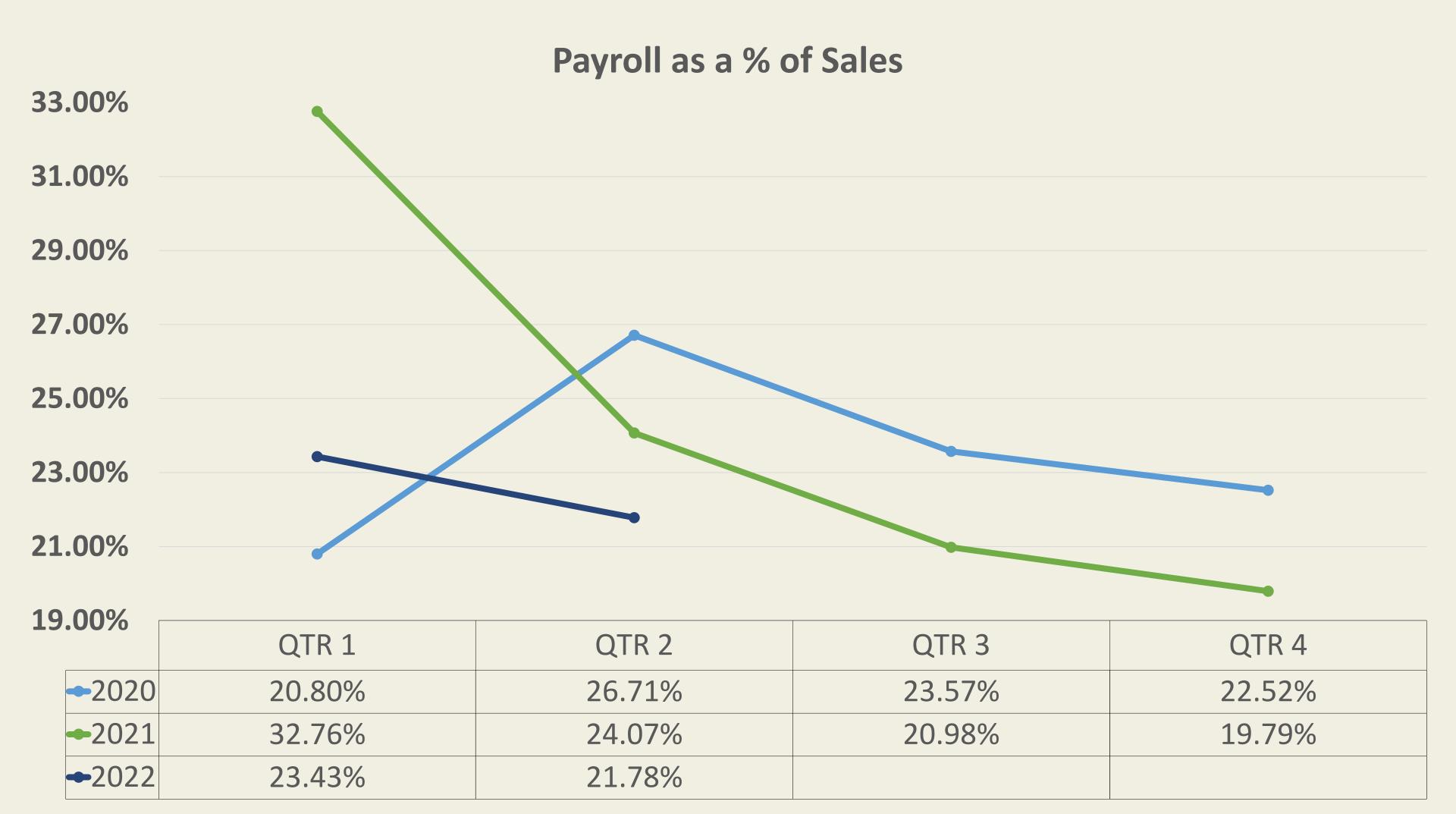














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**Example: Portland Food Co-Op** 

Days of Cash on Hand





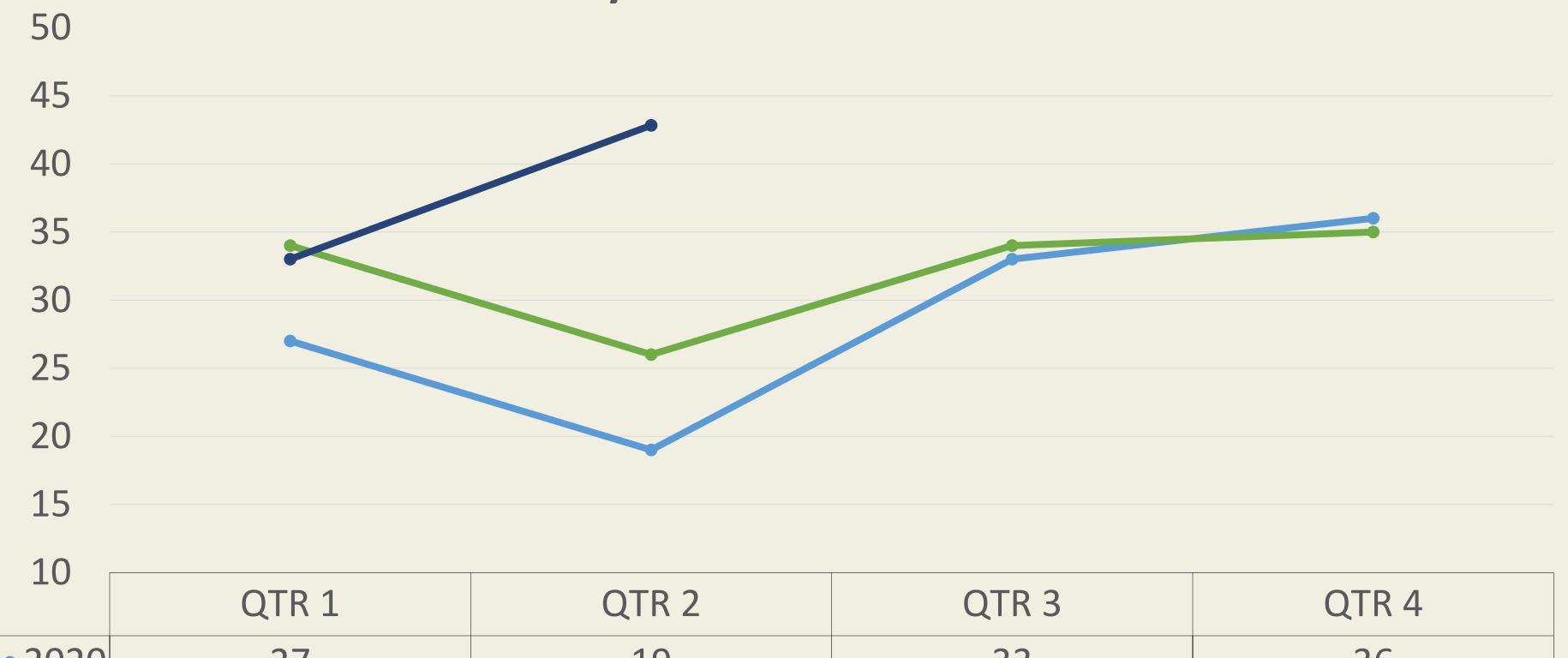








### **Days of Cash on Hand**



	QTR 1	QTR 2	QTR 3	QTR 4
<del>-</del> 2020	27	19	33	36
<b>-</b> 2021	34	26	34	35
<b>→</b> 2022	33	43		



## **Common Signs of Financial Distress**

Warning Sign #1: Decreasing Revenue, Margin, and Negative Financial Trends

Warning Sign #2: Defaulting or Slow Paying with Vendors

Warning Sign #3: Frequent Cash Shortages

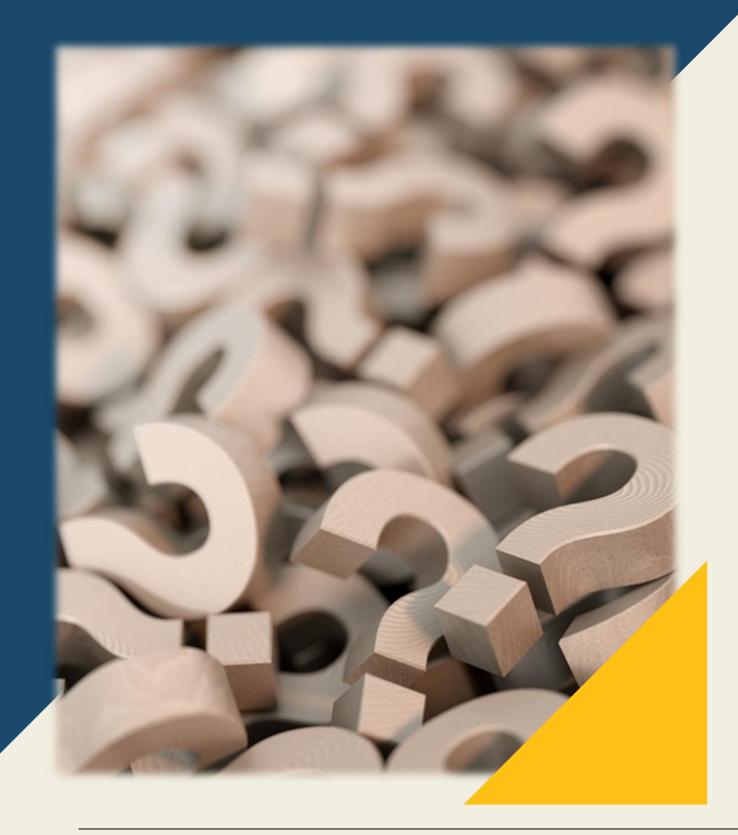
Warning Sign #4: Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvements











### **Questions and Answers**









# Thank you!

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