Dave Says

Couples Budget Together

He doesn't even

all with you. You're

not asking him to be

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I have a question about budgeting. I give myself and my husband \$150 a month each for blow money to be used on whatever we want. I'm upset because he spends all his eating out, then he buys other things he wants that he has no money for. Am I being too stingy? -Chervl

Dear Cheryl,

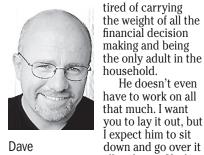
I think you guys are handling your money poorly. You're acting like his mother instead of his wife, and he's act-ing like a little boy instead of a man. You don't want to give your husband an allowance and then not be happy when he spends money "he didn't have" because he went over what you dictated to him. That's a bad budget process.

The budget process, if you're the nerd in the family, should start with you writing it all out. Then he sits down with you, has an equal say in the decisions and you two okay it together. He needs to understand that this is you asking him to man-up and be part

of the decision-making process, so that you can both be in agreement as to what's best for the family. In one sense, you may not like it at first, because right now you've got control of things. But in another sense, I'll bet you're pretty



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an accountant with a pocket protector, but you have every right to expect him to be in on the decisions that are made about your family and your finances! -Dave

ON THE MOVE?

Dear Dave, My wife and I are debt-free except for our home, and we're currently putting money aside for our fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Currently, we have our emergency fund account in the same bank as our checking and savings accounts. Do you think we should move it to a different bank? —Steve

Dear Steve. I wouldn't worry too much about that if I were you. The only exception to that might be if you had loans that you owed to that same bank. Then, I would probably move my emergency fund out of there just in case something went wrong with the loans.

Some commercial loan documents now give the bank the right to take money out of your account to pay the loan — without your permission. If you had a car loan, for instance, with that particular bank, I wouldn't keep a bunch of money in that bank. They normally don't do that unless you're way behind on the bill — and then it gets pretty adversarial.

Sometimes there can be things like a simple clerical error, and there's no chance of that happening if the money's in another bank. But in your situation, I don't see any harm in you being there. -Dave

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El Nino Partially Responsible for Extra Moisture

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Since the beginning of May, precipitation conditions across South Dakota have changed generally for the better, becoming quite wet in certain areas of state, said Dennis Todey, SDSU Extension Climate Specialist and South Dakota Climatologist.

"During the month of May, some places in the west have seen three to four times the precipitation they had seen since January," Todey said.

The latest climate outlooks, released May 21, 2015 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center keep with that same trend of nearer average, to wetter than average, conditions over much of the state.

Todey explained that due to a dry winter and early spring, South Dakota entered the month of May with growing drought concerns; and rapidly increasing U.S. Drought Monitor coverage and intensity. "The precipitation total across South Dakota were the lowest on record statewide for January through April," he said "leading to quickly building dryness concerns."

30-Day Outlook

The newly released NOAA 30- and 90-day climate outlooks continue to indicate wetter than average conditions are more likely for most of the state through the summer.

"The June to August outlook, in particular, has above average precipitation chances likely over most of South Dakota and the Great Plains," Todey said. "The June outlook has wetter chances just in southern South Dakota."

Temperature outlooks are listed as equal chances for below or above average for both the next 30- and 90-days. Assuming the wetter conditions do occur, Todey said nearnormal to cooler temperatures are more likely to exist for the summer. "Rarely do warm and wet conditions occur together during the warm season in the Plains," Todey said. El Nino

El Nino in the Pacific is impacting much of the outlook. "El Nino is developing, which seems very likely to strengthen and persist through the summer," Todey said.

El Nino's are more typically a winter phenomenon, Todey explained, strengthening in the fall and weakening in the spring. "This El Nino is acting quite the opposite of usual strengthening through the spring," he said. "The impact of the likely wetter conditions will be to continue to reduce the precipitation deficits still existing in some places of eastern South Dakota."

The newest U.S. Drought Outlook concurs with this idea, showing drought reduction as likely in areas still listed on the U.S. Drought Monitor map. "The increased precipitation totals should generally be good for agricultural production for the year after the dry fall to spring period," Todey said. "Soils still have some deficits in the east to overcome. Thus, the additional precipitation is still needed."

He added that excessive wetness has not been too much of a problem yet, but will have to be monitored in some areas of the state. "The change to wetter conditions will also likely increase disease potential for various crops as the growing season progresses," he said. **■iGrow**



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participation." professor and South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension Swine Specialist for 26 years. He played a critical role in raising funds for the future SDSU swine research facility. He twice earned the "Dedicated and Distinguished Service Award" and was last year awarded the Pork All American from the South Dakota Pork Producers. He has served multiple terms on the National Pork Board's Swine Educators

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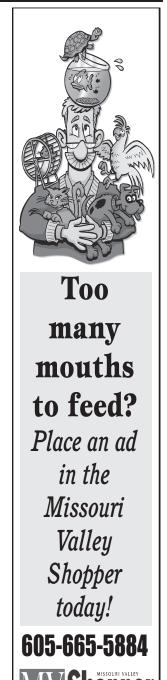
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