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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Weevils in the Flour"--Information from entomologists of the U. S.
Department of Agriculture

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The experienced housewife knows it's unwise to store very much flour in the average home. You just don't have enough tight containers to keep it in ...nor a cool, dry place to store it. The flour is likely to become infested with weevils.

The flour weevil is a cosmopolitan insect. It's found everywhere. It's apt to be in the grocery store and in your own kitchen. The female weevil can lay as many as 500 eggs at a time and she lays them in flour...though she also finds nut meats, spices, corn meal and other cereals useful for this purpose.

When flour is stored in a warm room---your kitchen shelves, for example ---the flour weevil eggs will hatch within 8 to 10 days. It takes a little longer for them to hatch in a cooler place---from 20 to 30 days. Then it takes the worms from 7 to 12 weeks to grow into adult beetles.

The sensible homemaker buys just enough flour to meet the family's current demands. She doesn't try to store more flour than she has tight containers to keep it in. And she doesn't run the risk of having the flour spoiled. Because the entomologists tell us that the only way we can get the weevils completely out of flour is to sift it through fine silk bolting. And the average household is not likely to be equipped for such an emergency.

Not only is it unwise to buy more flour than the family needs. It is also unnecessary. Take it from the Department of Agriculture...there is no

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for the company's financial health and for providing transparency to stakeholders.

2. The second part outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions, including the use of standardized forms and the requirement for double-checking entries. It also mentions the need for regular audits to ensure the accuracy of the data.

3. The third part addresses the issue of data security and access control. It states that all financial information must be stored in a secure, encrypted database, and that access should be restricted to authorized personnel only.

4. The fourth part discusses the importance of regular backups and disaster recovery plans. It notes that the company should have a clear plan in place to restore data in the event of a system failure or data loss.

5. The fifth part covers the topic of data retention and archiving. It specifies that certain types of financial records must be retained for a minimum of seven years, as required by law, and that older records should be properly archived.

6. The sixth part discusses the role of technology in streamlining the accounting process. It mentions the use of accounting software and the integration of various systems to improve efficiency and reduce the risk of human error.

7. The seventh part addresses the need for ongoing training and education for the accounting staff. It suggests that the company should invest in professional development programs to keep the team up-to-date on the latest industry trends and technologies.

8. The eighth part discusses the importance of clear communication and collaboration between the accounting department and other departments. It emphasizes that the accounting team should be able to provide timely and accurate information to support the company's overall operations.

9. The ninth part covers the topic of budgeting and forecasting. It notes that the accounting department plays a key role in developing the company's budget and in monitoring its performance against the forecast.

10. The tenth and final part discusses the overall goal of the accounting department, which is to provide accurate and timely financial information to support the company's strategic objectives and to ensure its long-term success.

shortage of flour in this country. Every effort is being made to have adequate supplies on hand in the stores at all times.

But it is extremely urgent that we make wise use of our flour. There is a shortage of wheat and flour in other parts of the world. The hungry peoples of these lands are desperately in need of food. We have enough wheat to share with them if we make sensible and proper use of our supplies. If we buy only the flour we can use before it spoils. It would be a great tragedy if flour were allowed to go to waste in this hour of need.

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