

Farming and Ranching Self-Assessment

The questions ask you to identify sources of satisfaction and motivation related to: (1) dimensions of family life, and (2) dimensions of farming or ranching. Privately answer these questions. If you come to a question that doesn't apply to you, skip it and go on to the next. Check the box that most closely describes your response to each question. The abbreviations mean:

SA = strongly agree; A = agree; U = undecided; D = disagree; and SD = strongly disagree.

Questions	SA	A	U	D	SD
1. I'm glad my home is on a farm or ranch.					
2. Most days, I look forward to doing whatever is to be done.					
3. I'm satisfied with farming/ranching as our primary source of income.					
4. I enjoy the variety of challenges presented by life on a farm/ranch.					
5. I think living on a farm/ranch is the best living situation that I could have.					
6. I'm pleased with our home as a place to live and work.					
7. I enjoy the office work (keeping records, paying bill, and other tasks) that's required in farming/ranching.					
8. I like to buy and sell livestock and/or livestock products.					
9. I like to buy and sell grains, hay, produce, and other products.					
10. I enjoy trying to keep costs down when purchasing or selling vehicles and equipment, or negotiating with lenders and dealers.					
11. I enjoy the business dealings required when purchasing or selling vehicles and equipment, or negotiating with lenders and dealers.					
12. I enjoy looking ahead, gathering information and making long-range management decisions.					
13. Compared to others in the community, I think we get better crop yields and/or higher production of livestock and livestock products.					
14. Compared to others with similar operations, I think our net income usually is greater.					
15. Compared to others with similar operations, our debt level is less.					
16. Compared to others in the community, I believe I/we work more and manage better.					

- A. Questions 7-12 ask for your reactions to a number of management responsibilities. Identify persons who are particularly interested in certain aspects of management? In your own words, sum up management interest in one or two sentences.
- B. Questions 13-16 ask you to compare the results of your farm/ranch management with results achieved by others with comparable farms. Be as objective as possible in summarizing your responses to these questions in one or two sentences.