

APPENDIX 1-2

QUALITY-OF-LIFE ASSESSMENT

Owning and operating a farm offers a unique quality of life. As part of your whole farm planning process, think about the answers to the following questions. Suggestion: Have your farm partners answer these questions separately, then discuss your answers.

Do you like to mix your personal life and work life or keep them separate? Why?

How valuable is having leisure time with friends and family?

How much do you like working with others, including employees, family members, and business partners? Would you rather work by yourself?

Do you enjoy marketing and having contact with customers? Why or why not?

What are your favorite tasks on the farm (e.g., handling animals, production, or marketing)?

Approximately how many hours a week are you willing and able to work? Consider both on-farm and off-farm work.

Are you a risk-taker? Are you comfortable with uncertainty, or do you prefer to know what to expect in most situations? Why?

What does the phrase "financial security" mean to you?

What are your family members' goals and interests? How do they align with yours?

What other demands are made on your time? Consider family, health, hobbies, and other time commitments.

Would you prefer to have family members perform all farm labor, or are you interested in hiring outside help?
