

Tool for Measuring Social Well Being:

Step 1 – Identify key elements from each farm’s farm/family goal (see DRAFT 1 – Sulco Farm Example) to create the tool each individual farm will use. (This will need to be done with a copy of each farm’s farm/family goal.) Narrow this DRAFT down to relate more specifically to Comprehensive Grazing Planning impacts on quality of life (see DRAFT 2 – Sulco Farm Example).

Step 2 – Using DRAFT 2 capture changes using the Measure of Satisfaction Scale: the farmer/farm family grades each element from 0 to 4 (0 pts–Unacceptable; 1 pt–Minimally Acceptable; 2 pts–Acceptable; 3 pts–Exceeds Acceptable; 4 pts–Outstanding)

Step 3 – The Survey will be conducted when you begin working with farmer, as a benchmark, after one year and at the end of the project.

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DRAFT 1

*SAMPLE: Measuring Social Well Being Utilizing the Farm/Family Goal – **Sulco Family Farm***

(Note: Participants will work with each of their farms to create a survey tool based on the individual Farm and their particular Farm/Family Goal).

Measure of Satisfaction Scale: Grade each element from 0 to 4 points (0 pts–Unacceptable; 1 pt–Minimally Acceptable; 2 pts–Acceptable; 3 pts–Exceeds Acceptable; 4 pts–Outstanding)

I. Quality of Life

- 1. We operate a financially profitable operation.
- 2. All who work or live on our farm enjoy a good quality of life.
- 3. We have adequate time for family activities and recreation.
- 4. People on our farm feel valued and appreciated.
- 5. We contribute to our local community and church in meaningful ways.
- 6. We have limited conflict and all who live and work here feel respected.
- 7. We know that our land will support farming here for many years to come.
- 8. We are learning new things and improving our farming skills, especially in increasing farm profitability and improving the land.

II. Means to Creating our Quality of Life

- 9. We have time for non-farm related things such as family, recreation, hobbies, and community.
- 10. People on the farm feel heard and respected.
- 11. We have reduced conflict.
- 12. We have seen positive changes from our improved farming practices.
- 13. We keep accurate and updated records, and monitor these regularly.
- 14. We are creative and efficient resulting in being more profitable.

III. How our Future Community/Landscape Must Be to Allow Us to Move Toward our Quality of Life

___ 15. Our land has healthy mineral cycles (supported through the addition of amendments and encouraged by cropping and conservation practices.)

___ 16. Our land has a healthy water cycle (helped by the lack of bare soil and careful monitoring of the ground's surface.)

___ 17. We build organic matter and improve the structure and biological activity of our soil.

___ 18. We capture as much sunlight as possible on our land.

___ 19. We are seen as respectful stewards of the land by our community.

___ 20. We are viewed as honest and contributing members of our local community and church.

___ 21. We are seen as charitable and financially responsible.

___ 22. Our community has good schools and services, is low in crime and is respectful of agriculture.

Who participated in completing this Survey?

Date Survey was completed: _____
Survey: _____

Total Point Tally of

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DRAFT 1

DRAFT 2

*SAMPLE: Measuring Social Well Being Utilizing the Farm/Family Goal – **Sulco Family Farm***

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I. Quality of Life

- ___ 1. We operate a financially profitable operation.
- ___ 2. All who work or live on our farm enjoy a good quality of life.
- ___ 3. We have adequate time for family activities and recreation.
- ___ 4. We know that our land will support farming here for many years to come.
- ___ 5. We are learning new things and improving our farming skills, especially in increasing farm profitability and improving the land.

II. Means to Creating our Quality of Life

- ___ 6. We have time for non-farm related things such as family, recreation, hobbies, and community.
- ___ 7. We have seen positive changes from our improved farming practices.

III. How our Future Community/Landscape Must Be to Allow Us to Move Toward our Quality of Life

- ___ 8. Our land has healthy mineral cycles (supported through the addition of amendments and encouraged by cropping and conservation practices.)
- ___ 9. Our land has a healthy water cycle (helped by the lack of bare soil and careful monitoring of the ground's surface.)
- ___ 10. We build organic matter and improve the structure and biological activity of our soil.
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___ 12. We are seen as respectful stewards of the land by our community.

Who participated in completing this Survey?

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Survey: _____

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DRAFT 2