

## How Am I Doing? - A Personal Environmental Audit

To begin evaluating environmental protection, consider your current management techniques. Check the answer that most closely fits your practices. Please answer honestly. This audit is simply a tool to help you focus on the possible environmental challenges of your operation. After completing it, you are encouraged to consider completing the Action Plan for pasture or grazing-based livestock operations.

1. **I typically rotate my pastures.**  
 1-3 days       Once a week       Once a month  
 2-3 times per year  
 never
2. **I know my manure application rate (tons, gallons, or lbs. of NPK per acre).**  
 Yes       No
3. **I use soil samples to determine nutrient levels in pasture fields.**  
 Annually       Every 3 years       Never
4. **Do you apply manure to pasture fields?**  
 Always       Once in a while       Never
5. **When applying manure to pasture fields, I maintain at least a 33' setback in fair weather and 100' on frozen ground from rivers, streams and other water bodies.**  
 Always       Sometimes       Never
6. **I consider wind direction and distance to neighboring properties when choosing feeding and handling location areas on my farm.**  
 Always       Once in a while       Never
7. **My livestock have access to streams, rivers, or other water bodies.**  
 Always       Sometimes       Never
8. **My facilities are inspected for possible environmental and animal hazards.**  
 Always       Once every couple years       Never
9. **I use this source to water my livestock:**  
 well or developed spring       pond       stream       rural water
10. **My livestock's farthest distance to their drinking water source is:**  
 less than 800 ft.       800-1200 ft.       Greater than 1200 ft.
11. **I typically use \_\_\_\_\_ on the farm to feed my livestock in the winter-time.**  
 1 area       2-3 areas       3 or more areas
12. **I maintain detailed records on where and when I apply manure.**  
 Always       Sometimes       Never
13. **I know the total amount of nutrients produced on my farm operation.**  
 Fairly well       Rough estimates       Never considered

**14. I adjust my management practices to reduce potential environmental risk.**

Regularly       Sometimes       Never

**15. I have tested my household water source and livestock water source for nitrates and bacteria:**

Within 1 year       Within 5 years       Never

**16. My nutrient management system is designed for:**

Treatment       Utilization       Disposal