

Evaluating my farm

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/20____ (DD/MM/YY)

Instructions:

- 1) Read the indicators for each category .
- 2) Which of the following (red, yellow, green columns) describes the situation on your farm?
- 3) Fill your score in under the farm points column.



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Section	Indicator to evaluate	What is the current situation on my farm?			Farm Points	Actions to improve
		0 Points	1 Point	2 Points		
Planning	Do you have a management plan for your farm (written/can be basic objectives)?	No	I have a plan but nothing in writing.	Written and implemented.		
	Do you have a map of your farm?	No	Yes, but map is not complete or up to date.	Yes complete and I use it in my planning		
	Do you keep written records of stock numbers, purchases and sales?	No	Sometimes	Complete records		
	Do you have a planned grazing system?	No	Is planned but I don't always adhere to it.	Grazing system is planned and adhered to.		
Resources	In general, how would you explain the conservation status of your farm?	Poor	Can be improved, but in general not too bad.	Excellent		
	Reproduction (flower and seed production) of palatable plants.	Palatable plants not flowering	A few of the palatable plants flower.	Most of the palatable bushes flower.		
	Growth form/structure of palatable plants	Palatable plants show signs of overgrazing, grazed very short (growth form stunted).	Palatable plants are short, provide very little ground cover, but growth form is normal.	Palatable plants have good growth forms and ground cover is general good.		
	Presence of invasive plants	Big problem. Large areas/veld/riverine areas affected.	There are some problem areas, but in general its not a big problem.	Few to no invasive plants; they are not a problem.		
	Erosion control	I'm not doing anything about it.	Limited effectiveness; I do some erosion control every now and again.	Erosion control measures are in place; effective and ongoing.		
Predation Management	Do you have a (written) predation plan in place for your farm?	No	Sort of, not written.	Yes, a complete plan and I adhere to it as part of my management.		
	Are your workers trained in predator control? (completed a course)?	No. I showed them myself.	Some have had formal training, or I have had training and then trained them.	Yes they are trained or I only use commercial hunters.		
	Control over workers who do the predator management (e.g. gin traps).	I don't know where they set e.g. gin traps/cages. I have no register or record of removals.	Sort of. I don't know where they set traps/cages, but I go check sometimes.	Yes I know at all times where the gin traps/cages are, I go check they are set correctly. I have a register of all captures/removals.		
	What is the situation on your farm regarding predation?	My solutions don't work, I still lose livestock in large numbers.	Some of the solutions work, but I still lose more livestock than what I find acceptable.	Predation plan in place and it is effective (losses small and acceptable).		

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Infrastructure	Fences	Mostly broken, big problem.	Broken in places, needs maintenance.	Functional, I do regular maintenance.		
	Water infrastructure	Incomplete and urgently needs maintenance.	Overall infrastructure is in place, but I need more water points to effectively utilise all camps.	Water infrastructure is complete and well maintained.		
	Animal handling infrastructure.	Almost no infrastructure and broken.	Incomplete, I make a plan.	Well equipped and maintained.		
	Condition of roads.	Very bad. Lot of erosion, few if any erosion walls etc.	Roads need work in places, in general in average to good condition.	Roads well maintained, little to no erosion.		
	Farm equipment (tractor, ploug, etc.)	Het nie basiese gereedskap nie.	Het gereedskap maar kort onderhoud, meestal stukkend.	Goed ingerig en onderhou.		
Social: Human Resources	Do your workers houses have electricity?	No	Some of the houses have electricity.	Yes, all the houses have electricity.		
	Do your workers houses have running water?	No	Some of the houses have running water.	Yes all the houses have running water.		
	Do your workers have service contracts?	No	Some of them have contracts.	Yes they all have contracts.		
	What percentage of the power used on the farm originates from renewable energy sources (e.g wind, solar power)?	None	Less than half the energy used comes from renewable energy sources.	More than half the energy used comes from renewable sources.		
	How would you describe the standard of living of your workers?	Poor	Acceptable but there is room for improvement.	Excellent		
Dangerous or registered chemicals	Storage of poisons (plant en insect killers).	Lying around in containers.	Locked up, but I don't keep a register and don't know how to safely dispose of empty containers.	Locked up and I control a register. Get rid of empty containers according to guidelines.		
	Old oil.	Lying around in containers and use old oil on farm, or I bury it.	I store it but don't know what to do with it.	Stored safely and taken to a depo.		
Add your score for each of the section:				Planning		
				Resources		
				Predation Management		
				Infrastruture		
				Social		
				Managing dangerous chemicals		
				Grand Total		
a) Write the percentage you scored according to this scale.						
b) Compare your status to other course participants, neighbours etc.						
0-33 %		34-63 %		64-100 %		
Poor		Average		Good		