**The Beginning Farmer Quiz: Do You Have What It Takes?**

(*Adapted from* [www.beginningfarmers.org](http://www.beginningfarmers.org))

Answer each question on a scale of 1-5 where:

1 = No, definitely not, this does not describe me at all

2 = This is not really, or at least not usually true about me

3 = I’m okay with this, but not totally, not all of the time, and/or not with everything.

4 = Yes, this is basically true of me in general

5 = Absolutely, this describes me perfectly

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Answer (1 -5)** |
| 1) I prefer to work outside no matter what the weather is like. |  |
| 2) I’m not scared of bugs, fungus, slime, or other things that a lot of people think are gross. |  |
| 3) I am good at identifying what needs to be done and prioritizing tasks in order of importance. |  |
|  4) I like financial planning, and am good at taking notes, crunching numbers and evaluating expenditures. |  |
| 5) I am a good observer, and generally see details that a lot of other people miss. |  |
| 6) I like tinkering, building things, and am mechanically inclined. |  |
| 7) I am financially savvy, thrifty, and tend to make do with what I have rather than buying new things. |  |
| 8) When I do buy things, I seldom regret the purchases I’ve made, and tend to use the things I buy. |  |
| 9) I’m not easily frustrated, and don’t get too upset when stuff doesn’t go my way. |  |
| 10) Making money is less important to me than accomplishment, and I don’t mind not being ‘rich’ as long as I am happy with the work I do. |  |
| 11) I don’t tend to wallow in failure. Instead I simply consider it as a lesson and try to do it better the next time around. |  |
| 12) I like hard, physical work, and don’t mind being tired at the end of the day. |  |
| 13) I am not easily bored, restless, or frustrated by mundane tasks. |  |
| 14) I am good at giving direction, and explaining to others how I expect things to be done in a precise and tactful way. |  |
| 15) I’m better at doing a lot of different things pretty well than at doing only one or two things extremely well. |  |
| 16) I don’t mind being alone, and am happy working by myself for long periods of time. |  |
| 17) When something breaks I usually try to fix it myself before taking it to a shop. |  |
| 18) I tend to ‘roll with the punches’ and can accept when things don’t go ‘according to plan’. |  |
| 19) I like to get up early, get going with my day, and don’t tend to stop until I feel like I’ve accomplished all the things I wanted to get done. |  |
| 20) I’m comfortable taking risks, and accepting that not everything is within my control. |  |
| 21) I am constantly looking for new information, and trying to understand how to do the things I do more effectively and efficiently. |  |
| 22) I don’t need people to tell me I’m doing a good job to be satisfied with the things I accomplish. |  |
| 23) I am a big picture person, and can see how lots of different small things are related to one another. |  |
| 24) I’m a good long-term planner, but am comfortable changing my vision when necessary. |  |
| 25) I love growing plants and/or taking care of animals, and am generally good at keeping them alive and healthy. |  |

Now look back through your answers. Where are your strengths and weaknesses? Which of these seem most important for your farm dream? Can you work around the areas where you answered “1” or “2”?