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Worksheet 1T.2: Personal Qualities (<http://misadocuments.info/1T.2PersonalQualities.pdf>)

PERSONAL QUALITIES

If you are having trouble identifying values, try using the following list to identify personal strengths or qualities that you think are important to work toward. Remember, nobody is good at everything!

Personal Qualities

1 = Rarely; 2 = Sometimes; 3 = Most of the time; 4 = Almost always

- _____ I have a strong work ethic.
- _____ I pay attention to detail.
- _____ It is important to me to do things on time.
- _____ I am persistent—I finish what I start.
- _____ I am interested in learning new ideas or ways of doing things.
- _____ I am flexible and willing to make changes when necessary.
- _____ I have good working relationships with others (e.g., neighbors, hired labor).
- _____ I communicate directly—I listen to others and am not afraid to ask questions or say what I think.
- _____ I am willing to consider others' advice and opinions.
- _____ I am careful about the advice I take.
- _____ I seek out relationships with organic farmers I look up to and can turn to for advice.
- _____ I keep up on organic market trends.
- _____ I enjoy farming and its challenges.
- _____ I have a supportive spouse, family members and farm partner(s).
- _____ I stay involved in a community or farm organization.
- _____ There are things in my life besides the farm (I am not "all work and no play").
- _____ I seek help when I need it.
- _____ I take responsibility for the decisions I make.
- _____ Everyone on the farm is working toward the same goals as a team.
- _____ I enjoy recordkeeping and accounting.

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