Return to your skills assessment in Worksheet 2.7. Are you ready to manage the operation? If not, who will? As you answer the following questions, try to be honest and realistic. Then, develop a strategy for whole farm business management.

1. Are you willing and ready to manage the operation and hired labor? If so, what skills do you bring to the management position? Are you a good communicator?

2. Will you share management responsibilities? If so, how will you divide tasks? Will you develop a written management agreement? What skills do other management team members bring to the business?

3. Can the business function without you? Who will manage the operation when you are gone or ill? Who is your back-up?

4. How often will you check in with family and other members of your workforce?

5. Our management strategy can be summarized as follows: