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| Preventing the Spread of Parasites with General Management *Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers* | Points |
| Are your animals grouped by age, with dairy kids or lambs in groups with less than a 2 week span in age? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are the kids or lambs kept in a clean dry stall or pasture? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are the kids and lambs kept in an uncrowded stall/pasture? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you check your animals FAMACHA score at least every month? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you body condition score your animals regularly? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you cull animals that persistently have a high parasite load and need frequent deworming? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you feed your animals hay and grain in raised feeders? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are your feeders designed so that the animals cannot get in them? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Is water source kept clean of feces? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |

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| Preventing the Spread of Parasites with Pasture Management *Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers* | Points |
| Do you rotate the pastures your animals are in? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are pastures left empty of small ruminants for at least 3 months? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you graze horses or cattle in pastures after small ruminants to “vacuum” the small ruminant parasites? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Is your pasture density at an appropriate amount for the size and forage available in the pasture? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you grow high tannin forages such as birdsfoot trefoil in your pastures? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are barnyards or other areas that aren’t rotated kept free of grass so animals can’t graze? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are your pastures dry? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |

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| Preventing the Spread of Parasites with Proper Deworming Practices*Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers* | Points |
| Do you give dewormers orally, not subcutaneously? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you only deworm the animals showing symptoms of parasites (ei. not your entire herd on a set schedule)? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you always leave some animals in a pasture untreated? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you do a fecal reduction test to determine which dewormers are still effective on your farm every 2 years? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you use the proper dose for the species of animal you are deworming?  | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you weigh the animals before deworming to ensure proper dosage? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you restrict feed intake 24 hours prior to deworming to increase dewormer effectiveness? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Do you administer copper oxide wire particles to your herd? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |

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| Preventing Resistant Parasites from Entering Your Herd*Award yourself 0 points for NO answers and 10 points for YES answers* | Points |
| Are new animals quarantined for at least 2 weeks?  | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are new animals kept on a dry lot while in isolation? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are new animals dewormed with two dewormer classes at a double dose before they enter the main herd? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |
| Are fecals done on new animals after deworming and before joining main herd? | ❑ Yes ❑ No |  |

**Section Total (4)**

**Add up your points per section, then total the points of all four sections**

**Total Points**

**So, how well did you do??**

Did your score fall between ***0 and 90***? You need help. Consider calling your veterinarian to discuss a parasite management system that will work for your farm. Also refer to the Best Management for Parasite Control fact sheet for ideas to get started.

Did your score fall between ***100 and 190***? You are doing some things right, but could stand some improvement. Look at each section and “No” answers for what to focus on. Refer to the Best Management for Parasite Control fact sheet to find ways to improve.

Did your score fall between ***200 and 270***? Good job! You are doing well. Maintain your diligence and always look for ways to improve.

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