

CHILDREN AS PARTNERS

_____ YOUR TOTAL SCORE

91-100 You're a fine partner couldn't stand it	61-70 Barely "passable"	31-40 You
81-90 You should make it go do it	51-60 Think of another setup	21-30 Please don't
71-80 It may be rough chance in the world	41-50 You'll be very unhappy	10-20 Not a

If the combination total points reach 320 or more for the four people (two couples) in the partnership, it should succeed. If the combined total is 240 or less, the partnership will have major trouble.

Adapted from the February 1968 issue of Farm Journal

Would you be a good partner? A test for children and in-laws

10 = A firm yes difficult	7 = Maybe, with "conditions"	4 = Very
9 = Yes	6 = Could live with it	3 = Isn't likely
8 = Yes, but barely improbable	5 = Possibly	2 = Highly

- _____ Can you accept advice from your parents with an open mind — believing that it might have merit? Are you willing to "give it a try" when it is important to them, even when you think the advice might not work?
- _____ Are you patient enough to take time to "grow into" the farm business?
- _____ Since you have the advantage of youth, strength and stamina, are you willing to do more than your share of physical work without complaining or resentment?
- _____ Can you appreciate that your parents may have spent many years running the farm, and that it will take time for them to get used to you making decisions as a partner?
- _____ Can you feel that you may be getting a much faster start in life, with much more certainty, as a result of the partnership — and that this "debt" is something you owe to the partnership?
- _____ In return for the advantages that the partnership offers you, are you willing to take on the prospect that may be you will be primarily responsible for caring for your parents or "in-laws" in later years?
- _____ Can you refrain from pressing advice on your parents or "in-laws" regarding personal or family affairs — keeping in mind they may enjoy things that you

wouldn't?

- _____ Can you willingly reserve for your parents an important area of responsibility in the farm business, even into advancing years? Can you avoid imposing your will in this area, even though it may "hold back" the farm business somewhat?
- _____ Are you willing to keep a good set of records of partnership expenses and income so that you and your parents can see what is making money and what isn't?
- _____ In situations that call for judgment affecting the partnership, can you willingly lean over backward so that others would judge you as being calm, fair and considerate?