

# Module 1B Worksheet

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## *Type and scale of herðshare program*

### **I want my herðshare program to be:**

\_\_\_ year-round

\_\_\_ seasonal: \_\_\_ months per year, taking the following months off each year:

\_\_\_ hybrid A: I will milk through for \_\_\_ years, then take \_\_\_ months off in the last year of the cycle

\_\_\_ hybrid B: I will milk through with reduced volume during the winter months.

\_\_\_\_\_ Members with 'seasonal' shares pay slightly less for their service.

\_\_\_\_\_ All members go on half rations for \_\_\_ months (and pay less during those months)

### **Start thinking about how you will manage your type of herðshare program.**

We will cover strategic breeding later, but start to think about a few areas that will have to be addressed, depending on the type of program you've chosen for your farm (write N/A if the area is irrelevant to your type of program. Hybrid plans require attention to all four areas listed)

#### **Year-round:**

Herd management \_\_\_\_\_

Milking in winter \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Seasonal:**

Customer management \_\_\_\_\_

Income reduction in winter \_\_\_\_\_

### **Notes, thoughts, and questions to ask:**

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## Scale of your herdshare program.

How many animals are bred for this upcoming spring that you will be keeping and milking? \_\_\_\_\_ (**My advice:** Subtract 1 animal (or 10% if large-scale))

Is this an increase of more than 25% of what you are historically accustomed to milking and managing? \_\_\_\_\_

If it is an increase, begin to think about how you will accommodate that in the following areas. We will cover necessities for each area later, but I just want you to ponder the ramifications of an increase in scale at this point in your program launch

Animal housing \_\_\_\_\_

Hay and feed storage \_\_\_\_\_

Milking parlor \_\_\_\_\_

A switch from hand to machine milking? \_\_\_\_\_

Bottling and equipment washing \_\_\_\_\_

Animal purchases \_\_\_\_\_

Cash reserves for increased costs \_\_\_\_\_

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