

Buyers Questionnaire

At SteelMeadow Farm, we work to provide the best animal husbandry practices for all our livestock. We have sold livestock to experienced farmers/ranchers and to individuals new to livestock. When you purchase livestock from SteelMeadow Farm, not only do we want to assist you to make the best decisions, but we like to know that livestock going to their new home will continue to be raised in a stress free and natural manner.

We hope to prevent you from making the same mistakes we have made and to lessen the learning curve when it comes to livestock ownership. The questions below will allow us to give you the information you need before you bring SteelMeadow Farm livestock home.

Please complete the questionnaire below by simply clicking on the boxes and email the completed form to us: info@steelmeadowfarm.com. Participation is not required prior to purchase, but we hope the following questions spark discussion.

Do you currently own livestock?

- Yes
- No

How comfortable are you handling, walking and working with small and or large ruminants?

- Very comfortable
- Sort of comfortable
- Not very comfortable
- Never been around any

Are you interested in:

- Goats
- Irish Dexter Cattle
- Both

Will your livestock have access to pasture?

- Yes
- No

How often will your livestock be on pasture?

- A few hours each day
- During daylight hours only
- All day, all night
- Not sure

Will you be practicing rotational grazing?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you have a secure perimeter fence around your property that is more than 3 or 4 strands of barbed wire?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

How will you water your livestock?

- Pond or stream
- Self-filling trough
- Manually filled trough
- Not sure

Will you be feeding bagged feed or grain to your livestock?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Will you be feeding hay?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Will you have your hay tested?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Will you provide minerals and salt to your livestock? Check all that may apply:

- Yes
- No
- Loose, free choice
- Block-form

Will your livestock have access to shelter? Check all that may apply:

- Trees or woods
- Barn
- 3-sided shelter
- Other

Do you currently have a large animal veterinarian that you use or one in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

How will you diagnose illness in your animals? Check all that apply:

- Have vet come to farm
- Take animal to vet
- I feel comfortable with my experience to diagnose and treat livestock
- I do not believe livestock need antibiotics

Will you be able to confine your livestock during periods of illness?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Will you be able to secure your animal safely during situations requiring doctoring, tagging, veterinary procedures?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Are there contagious/outbreaks of diseases of livestock in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Will you be giving vaccinations to your livestock? Check all that may apply:

- I do not believe in vaccines
- My herd will be closed and require no vaccines
- I will give needed vaccinations myself
- I will let my vet decide what vaccinations are needed and provide it

How familiar are you with the following? Check all that may apply:

Heat cycles, breeding and reproduction of livestock

- Very familiar
- Sort of familiar
- Not very familiar

Pregnancy and gestational stages of livestock

- Very familiar
- Sort of familiar
- Not very familiar

Normal birthing stages in livestock

- Very familiar
- Sort of familiar
- Not very familiar

Abnormal birthing situations in livestock

- Very familiar
- Sort of familiar
- Not very familiar

Normal newborn behavior of livestock

- Very familiar
- Sort of familiar
- Not very familiar

Abnormal newborn behavior in livestock

- Very familiar
- Sort of familiar
- Not very familiar

Do you currently own or plan on purchasing a livestock trailer?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any comments or questions for SteelMeadow Farm?