

# SUSTAINABLE SMALLHOLDERS' DECISION TREE



As a smallholder, you will, by definition, be limited by the size of your smallholding. This Decision Tree chart gives examples of the type of production possible, depending on the land available to you and additional considerations such as access to water and soil type. Completing this chart should assist with your SWOT analysis.

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Smallholding Decision	Considerations
<b>WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU HAVE AVAILABLE TO YOU?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location – Access to buyers for produce or isolated?</li> <li>• Agricultural tie on the property?</li> <li>• Condition of land – graded 1((best) – 5 (worst)</li> <li>• Suitability of land for crop/animals</li> <li>• Type of land – well drained/stony</li> <li>• Direction to the sun and prevailing wind</li> <li>• Condition of fencing/hedges</li> <li>• Access to fields</li> <li>• Access to water</li> <li>• Amount of land available for animals/arable</li> <li>• Suitable outbuildings/storage</li> <li>• Check planning requirements if a change of use is required</li> </ul>
<b>LAND TYPE UP TO 1 ACRE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dozen chickens/ducks</li> <li>• Beehives</li> <li>• Fruit and vegetable plot</li> <li>• Polytunnel</li> <li>• 2 pig weaners</li> </ul>
<b>LAND C 5 ACRES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to 1 acre</li> <li>• Fodder crops area</li> <li>• Goats</li> <li>• Up to 12 sheep</li> <li>• Extra pigs</li> </ul>
<b>LAND 10 ACRES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the above plus</li> <li>• 2 cows or steers</li> <li>• Extra arable crops</li> <li>• Crop/animal grazing rotation</li> </ul>