Is the Successor Ready?

1.	Does the successor have any experience outside the family business?
2	What development plan is needed for the successor?
3	Who besides a parent is teaching and mentoring the successor?
4	Is present management allowing the successor to make an independent and visible contribution to the business?
5	What skills and values inside and outside the business is the successor learning?
6	How well does the successor understand the farm business history, philosophy and strategy?
7	Is the successor using opportunities outside the business to exercise leadership and gain respect?
8	Does the successor have a personal vision for the business, one that will provide a sense of purpose when times get tough?
9	Does the successor tend to isolate himself/herself and his/her decisions of does he/she share interests and concerns with others?