Objectives: What are the kinds of outcomes important to Yucatan sheep systems?
[multiple targets: by farmer clientele group; well being of farm households]

- Profitability (all producers)
- Productivity
  - System land
  - Farm animal
  - Industry
  - Generate employment
  - Access to market: Which? Where?
- Sheep numbers
  - Number of farmers, sheep/farm
  - Productivity
  - Farm numbers/characters
  - Lower exit rate for farmers
- Good nutrition
  - Productive opportunity
  - General management
- Education re: system
  - Extension/education
  - Advice, learning, training
- Natural resource base
  - Improve farmer financial reserves and liquidity
  - diversification (increase)
  \[ \therefore \text{economic growth, sustainability} \]

Discussion Summary, 9/14/05:
Yucatan sheep systems

Actions: What are the priority actions to achieve the specified objectives?
[links with objectives and actions]

- Support farmer coop action/organizations
  \[ \rightarrow \text{provide monies} \]
  - loans
  - grants for
    - input purchases (sheep)
    - infrastructure, machinery
- Identify/characterize farms (environments, constraints)
  - Costs of production
  - Profitability (efficiency)
- Extension education
- Identify production (best practice) possibilities and technology options
- Research/evaluation (e.g., modeling, other methods)
- Trade policy?

Information: Which data, and the information derived from them, are essential to the actions that could effectively achieve these objectives?
[links with actions]

- Indicators of current and future outcomes/objectives
- Which practices/management and policies/programs are “best”?
- Markets: in and outside Yucatán, demand (market size), meat quality
  - Competitive structure of the market