

## EQIP 09 RANKING STATE RANKING GUIDANCE

1. This application will result in the application of all the measures of an existing CNMP or other Activity-Based Plan. **(20 Points)**
2. This application includes the Energy Conservation and Soil Quality Improvement Systems practice (370). **(20 Points)**
3. This application will address a ground or surface water quality concern in a 303(d) watershed (category 5A only) (Question 3<sub>(1)</sub>) or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment (Question 3<sub>(2)</sub>). **(15 Points)**

### AWARD RANKING POINTS FOR STATE QUESTION 3<sub>(1)</sub> IF:

a. The Offered acreage is in a 303d listed watershed (per the 303d-listed watersheds shapefile for any agriculture –

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b. **AT LEAST 1 PRACTICE OTHER THAN THE FOLLOWING IS IN THE EQIP APPLICATION PLAN (the following may also be scheduled to receive points as long as additional practices are also in the plan):**

Anaerobic Digester, Ambient Temperature (365)
Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)
Pipeline (516)
Waste Treatment (355)

**OR** (continued on next page)

(State Question #3 – continued)

**AWARD RANKING POINTS FOR STATE QUESTION 3<sub>(2)</sub> IF:**

a. The Offered acreage is in a 303d listed watershed (per the 303d-listed watersheds shapefile for livestock agriculture –

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**b. AT LEAST 1 PRACTICE OTHER THAN THE FOLLOWING IS IN THE EQIP APPLICATION PLAN (the following may also be scheduled to receive points as long as additional practices are also in the plan):**

Access Road (560)
Anaerobic Digester, Ambient Temperature (365)
Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (370)
Dike (356)
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)
Feed Management (592)
Fence (382)
Forest Trails and Landings (655)
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)
Open Channel (582)
Pest Management (595)
Pipeline (516)
Pond (378)
Pumping Plant (533)
Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till (345)
Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (329)
Restoration and Management of Rare or Declining Habitats (643)
Stream Crossing (578)
Structure for Water Control (587)
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
Waste Treatment (355)
Water Well (642)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

4. This application will address a surface water quality resource concern and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area (using the Surface Drinking Watershed shapefile – F:\geodata\project\_data\nrcs\EQIP2009\11huc\_intakes). **(12 Points)**
5. This application will address a groundwater quality resource concern and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region **OR** the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher (using the Karst and soils with high Nitrate Leaching Potential shapefile – F:\geodata\project\_data\nrcs\EQIP2009\groundkar\_2km). **(11 Points)**

6. This application is based on a conservation plan that has been approved by the producer prior to October 1, 2008. **(10 Points)**
  - a. Award Ranking Points if at least 85% of the practices in the EQIP Application are in the approved plan.
7. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for vegetative practices. **(7 Points)**
8. This application is from an applicant who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing. **(15 Points)**
9. This application will address a resource concern caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic). **(14 Points)**
10. This application will address existing resource concerns using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines. **(10 Points)**