

EQIP Ranking Form

Blackford County

Tract # _____

Name: _____

Note: If the producer received ranking points for a specific practice such as no-till then they must implement that practice as part of their EQIP plan. The practice must be included in the EQIP plan and the farmer must receive cost-share for that practice. If the farmer is already implementing the practice, then they can **NOT** receive ranking for that practice.

Three (3) or more “yes’s” = High

Two (2) “yes’s” = Medium

One (1) or less = Low

1. Water Quality:

a) Does the area lack needed filterstrips or waterways?	Yes	No
b) Will the area have a nutrient management plan?	Yes	No
c) Will the area have a pest management plan?	Yes	No
d) Do livestock have access to a creek?	Yes	No
e) Is there severe stream bank erosion?	Yes	No
f) Are there HEL soils present?	Yes	No
g) Does the area have less than 30% residue?	Yes	No

2. Erosion:

a) Does the area contain soils with a T of 3 or less?	Yes	No
b) Are gullies present? ¹	Yes	No
c) Are there critical erosive areas needing a temporary cover crop? ²	Yes	No
d) Are there NO filterstrips on the area?	Yes	No
e) Is the area within 500' of a waterbody? ³	Yes	No

3. Livestock:

a) Is the area with livestock or manure application within 200 feet of a water body? ³	Yes	No
b) Is the area to be pastured (or currently being pastured) HEL (highly erodible land)?	Yes	No
c) Has the pasture not been renovated within in the last five (5) years?	Yes	No
d) Do the areas have a high soil test for phosphorous (P)? (Landowner will be required to bring in soil tests from within the last two years.)	Yes	No
e) Areas within the state map #3a.	Yes	No

4. Forestry:

a) Tree planting will revegetate eroded areas or steep unfarmable slopes?	Yes	No
b) Is the landowner willing to do timber stand improvement?	Yes	No
c) Does the tree planting connect existing forest stands?	Yes	No
d) Does the tree planting enlarge an existing forest?	Yes	No
e) Is the area in the Classified Forest Program?	Yes	No

1. Definition of gully – reference p. 61 of the Blackford/Jay Counties Soil Survey.
2. Reference FOTG Standard 342.
3. A waterbody is any of the following: wetland of any type, spring or seep, ponds, lakes, well, streams having perennial, seasonal or full flow, or intermittent streams.