

## Hancock County 2003 EQIP Local Ranking Criteria

### Resource Concern: Livestock

Is pastureland within 300 ft of seasonal streams/surface waters (USGS blue topo lines/area) fenced to restrict grazing?  
 YES = 0                      No = 20

Is your operation an AFO (animal feeding operation) as defined by IDEM (no vegetation in confinement area and 45 day/12 months co  
 YES = 20                      NO = 0

Is a rotational grazing system utilized?            YES = 0                      NO = 20

Are forested areas (showing green on USGS topographical maps) fenced to prevent grazing?  
 YES = 0                      NO = 20

Does cropping take place within 300 ft of a seasonal stream/surface waters (USGS blue topo lines/area)?  
 YES = 20                      NO = 0

**Total Points**  
**80-100 pts = High                      40-60 pts = Medium                      0-20 pts = Low**

### Resource Concern: Water Quality (questions refer to area under contract)

Is the area within 1 mile of a seasonal stream/surface water as identified as blue lines/area on a USGS topographical map?  
 YES = 20                      NO = 0

Is the groundwater vulnerable to contamination from nitrogen and pesticides based on ECS Ground Water Protection Map?  
 YES = 30                      No = 0

Does livestock graze or is manure applied within 300 ft of a seasonal stream/surface water (USGS blue topo lines/area)?  
 YES = 20                      No = 0

Is at least one field classified as Highly Erodible Land (1/3 of field meets HEL definition)?  
 YES = 20                      NO = 0

Is there currently a Nutrient and Pesticide Management Plan being utilized for the area?  
 YES = 0                      NO = 10

**Total Points**  
**70-100 pts = High                      40-60 pts = Medium                      0-30 pts = Low**

### Resource Concern: Erosion

Is gully erosion present on site as seen in the current ortho-photography?                      YES = 20                      NO = 0

Are pasture lands fenced to prevent livestock from entering areas other than pastureland?                      YES = 0                      NO = 20

Is at least one field classified as Highly Erodible Land (1/3 of field meets HEL definition)?                      YES = 20                      NO = 0

Are there existing conservation practices in place?                      YES = 0                      NO = 20

Is the area located within 300 ft of a seasonal stream/surface water (USGS blue topo lines/area)?                      YES = 20                      NO = 0

**Total Points**  
**80-100 pts = High                      40-60 pts = Medium                      0-20 pts = Low**

### Resource Concern: Forestry

Are the soil units suitable for hardwood trees using Soil Survey table?  
 Good = 40                      Fair = 20                      Poor = 0

Is the wooded area (green on USGS map) fenced off from grazing areas?  
 YES = 0                      NO = 20

How many acres?  
 0-10 = 10                      11-39 = 20                      40+ = 40

Is the tract adjacent to forest protected as a Classified Forest (IDNR plat map)                      ?  
 YES = 20                      NO = 0

Is the area within 300 ft of seasonal streams/surface waters (USGS blue topo lines/area)?

YES = 10

NO = 0

**Total Points**

**80-100 pts = High**

**40-60 pts = Medium**

**0-20 pts = Low**