

Jefferson County- 2003 EQIP Ranking Worksheet

Resource Concern: LIVESTOCK – “Is water quality being negatively impacted because of animal production activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Land user: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current livestock farming practices and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding:

- 1.) Do livestock currently have unlimited access to streams or other water bodies?
Yes _____ (30 points)
No _____ (0 points)

- 2.) Is the body of water the livestock have unlimited access to the only water supply available?
Yes _____ (10 points)
No _____ (0 points)

- 3.) Will this be an expansion of the current operation?
Yes _____ (0 points)
No _____ (20 points)

- 4.) Will a prescribed grazing management plan be followed?
Yes _____ (20 points)
No _____ (0 points)

- 5.) Please indicate the distance from the edge of the feeding area(s) to a stream or other body of water:
< 200 ft _____ (10 points)
200 – 500 ft _____ (5 points)
>500 ft _____ (0 points)

- 6.) Is the number of animals utilizing the treatment area more than the general recommendation would be?
Yes _____ (10 points)
No _____ (0 points)
(Will utilize the Pasture-Hayland Group Report in the FOTG Section II. Specifically, the AUM value given in the report will be multiplied by total acres of pasture available, according to the landowner. Divided by 12, this number will give us the maximum number of animal units the acreage could support.)

Total Score for Livestock: _____
(Ranking points: L = 0-29; M = 30-59; H = 60+)

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Resource Concern: EROSION – “Is soil quality being negatively impacted because of excessive erosion on the land being offered for contract?”

Land user: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your farm and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding:

1.) Is erosion present in pasture(s)?

Yes _____

Indicate which of the following conditions best describe existing/visible erosion on the area:

Severe _____ (20 points)

Mod _____ (10 points)

Slight _____ (5 points)

No _____ (0 points)

2.) If no-till has not been adopted on crop fields, will you implement it?

Yes _____ (20 points)

No _____ (0 points)

3.) Which of the following slope categories represents 50% or more of the cropland in the area being considered:

0-2% _____ (0 points)

2-6% _____ (10 points)

>6% _____ (20 points)

4.) Are classic gullies present?

Yes _____ (10 points)

No _____ (0 points)

5.) Are gullies present on abandoned land?

Yes _____ (10 points)

No _____ (0 points)

6.) If cover crops are not being utilized, will you begin using them?

Yes _____ (10 points)

No _____ (0 points)

7.) What is the distance from a crop field to a stream or water body?

<20 feet _____ (10 points)

20-100 feet _____ (5 points)

> 100 feet _____ (0 points)

Total Score for Erosion: _____

(Ranking points: L = 0-29; M = 30-59; H = 60+)

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Resource Concern: WATER QUALITY – “Is water quality being negatively impacted by agricultural activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Land user: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current agricultural activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding:

- 1.) Is the number of animals utilizing the treatment area more than the general recommendation would be?
Yes _____ (30 points)
No _____ (0 points)
(Will utilize the Pasture-Hayland Group Report in the FOTG Section II. Specifically, the AUM value given in the report will be multiplied by total acres of pasture available, according to the landowner. Divided by 12, this number will give us the maximum number of animal units the acreage could support.)
- 2.) What is the width of the existing vegetation, measured from the edge of the water body:
<20 feet _____ (25 points)
20-100 feet _____ (15 points)
> 100 feet _____ (0 points)
- 3.) Is the >50% of the treatment area HEL and/or are the soil types in the treatment area susceptible to leaching?
Yes _____ (25 points)
No _____ (0 points)
- 4.) Will livestock be excluded from a water body?
Yes _____ (20 points)
No _____ (0 points)

Total Score for Water Quality: _____
(Ranking points: L = 0-29; M = 30-59; H = 60+)

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Resource Concern: FOREST HEALTH – “Is forest quality being negatively impacted by agricultural activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Land user: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current farming practices and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding:

- 1.) Will livestock be excluded from a forested area?
Yes _____ (25 points)
No _____ (0 points)
- 2.) Is tree planting one of the practices to be implemented in the area?
Yes _____ (25 points)
No _____ (0 points)
- 3.) Is a forest management plan, prepared by a professional forester, being utilized?
Yes _____ (0 points)
No _____ (20 points)
- 4.) Has Timber Stand Improvement been completed within the last 10 years?
Yes _____ (0 points)
No _____ (10 points)
- 5.) Will existing woods be joined or expanded with a new tree planting?
Yes _____ (10 points)
No _____ (0 points)
- 6.) Is the forested area of concern within 1 mile of city limits*?
Yes _____ (10 points)
No _____ (0 points)
(*City limits is further defined in the Glossary.)

Total Score for Forest Health: _____
(Ranking points: L = 0-29; M = 30-59; H = 60+)