

**FISCAL YEAR 2003**

**LOCAL RANKING CRITERIA**

**NAME:**

**DATE:**

**FARM #:**

**TRACT #:**

**COMPLETED BY:**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: LIVESTOCK**

1. Do you have an open feedlot livestock operation, which is exposed to the weather upon the tract or field being offered for contract?

Yes or  No

2. If a prescribed grazing plan is not being used on the tract or field offered for contract, will a plan be developed and implemented?

Yes or  No

3. Will you develop and follow a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan CNMP in applying animal wastes on the tract or field offered for contract?

Yes or  No

4. Does the tract or field have an existing operation with an existing resource concern?

Yes or  No

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5. Does your operation involve Mortality Disposal (Poultry or Swine)? And, will a Mortality Disposal System be installed as part of the EQIP Contract?

Yes or  No

6. Is the pasture area offered for contract within 500' of any waters of the State (IDEM Definition)?

Yes or  No

7. Is the tract or field where manure application offered for contract within 500' of any waters of the State (IDEM definition)?

Yes or  No

8. Are animal wastes being staged (stored) uncovered on the ground on the area offered for contract? If so, will you develop and implement a plan to address this concern?

Yes or  No

9. Is the manure storage capacity on the area offered for contract less than 90 days? If so, will you address this concern through the EQIP contract?

Yes or  No

10. Are the acres being offered for contract located within the Kessinger Ditch watershed?

Yes or  No

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: LIVESTOCK**

**High Priority = 6 or More Yes answers**  
**Medium Priority = 3 to 5 out of 10 Yes answers**  
**Low Priority = Less than 3 out of 10 Yes answers**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: SOIL EROSION**

1. Is the tract or field offered for contract identified on the USDA-FSA Aerial Map as being Highly Erodible Land (HEL)?

Yes or  No

2. Will Erosion Control Practices be installed on the tract or field offered for contract with EQIP funds to help solve gully erosion problems?

Yes or  No

3. Will both corn and soybeans be no tilled for at least three years of the contract period on the tract or field offered for contract? (Only available for first time no-tilling practices on the contract area.)

Yes or  No

4. Will you forgo all fall tillage on the tract or field offered for the life of the contract?

Yes or  No

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: SOIL EROSION**

5. Will a winter cover crop be planted on the tract or field being entered each year of the EQIP Contract?

Yes or  No

**Soil Erosion:**

**High Priority = 3 or More Yes answers**

**Medium Priority = 2 to 3 Yes answers**

**Low Priority = Less than 2 Yes answers**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: WATER QUALITY**

1. Is the tract or field offered for contract located where soil types indicate possible vulnerable groundwater resources? (Map 3W)

Yes or  No

2. Is the tract or field offered for contract located within the McGinnis Levee watershed or the Weaver/Vertrees Ditches watershed along the east fork of White River?

Yes or  No

3. Is the tract or field offered for contract located within the Kessinger Ditch watershed and/or the White River watershed and its tributaries?

Yes or  No

4. Is the tract or field offered for contract within a municipal wellhead protection site?

Yes or  No

5. Is the area tract or field offered for contract within 300' of any waters of the State (IDEM definition)

Yes or No

6. Will a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) be developed and followed for the application of Commercial Fertilizers for the life of the EQIP contract?

Yes or No

7. Will any Conservation Buffers be installed on the tract or field offered for contract? (Vegetative Filter Strips, Riparian Buffers or Field Borders)

Yes or No

**High Priority = 4 or More Yes answers**  
**Medium Priority = 2 to 4 Yes answers**  
**Low Priority = Less than 2 Yes answers**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

1. Will the forest on the tract or field be offered for contract, connect existing forests?

Yes or No

2. Is the tract or field offered for contract within the Alford-Sylvania Soil area as illustrated on the Knox County General Soil Survey Map (2F)?

Yes or No

3. Is the are tract or field offered for contract located within 5 miles of an incorporated area?

Yes or No

4. Is at least part of the tract or field offered for contract within a floodplain (Floodplain Inventory Map)?

Yes or No

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

5. Is Livestock present on the woodland tract or field offered for contract and will the livestock be excluded from the woodlands?

Yes or  No

6. Will you develop & follow a Forest Management Plan as part of the EQIP contract on the tract or field as required by a IDNR District Forester or an approved Forestry Consultant?

Yes or  No

**High Priority = 3 or More Yes answers**

**Medium Priority = 2 Yes answers**

**Low Priority = 1 Yes answers**

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**Local Ranking Summary**

**Livestock:**        High   Medium   Low   Not Addressed

**Water Quality:**   High   Medium   Low   Not Addressed

**Erosion:**        High   Medium   Low   Not Addressed

**Forestry:**        High   Medium   Low   Not Addressed