

MADISON COUNTY EQIP RANKING

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT:

1. Please indicate the distance from any open ditch, stream, river, lake or pond that animal manures are spread on the land during any time of the year. Surface drains and tile inlets do not qualify.

500 ft. to 1000 ft. = 3 pts.

1000 ft. to 2500 ft. = 2 pts.

More than 2500 ft. = 1 pt.

2. Please indicate the distance from pasture to nearest open ditch, stream, river, lake or pond. Surface drains and tile inlets do not qualify.

Less than 20ft. = 4 pts.

20ft. to 100ft. = 3 pts.

100ft. to 500ft. = 2 pts.

More than 500 ft. = 1 pt.

3. Please indicate the amount of on farm manure storage you currently have.

Less than 90 days = 4 pts.

90 to 120 days = 3 pts.

120 to 180 days = 2 pts.

More than 180 days = 1 pt.

4. Do any livestock have direct access to any open ditch, stream, river, lake or pond?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

5. Within a 25 mile radius of your operation, how many other IDEM permitted livestock operations are in existence?

None = 1 pt.

Less than 2 = 2 pts.

2 to 5 = 3 pts.

More than 5 = 4 pts.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT: (continued)

6. Will a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan be developed?

Yes = 5 pts.

No = 0 pts.

7. Are the acres being offered located within the Spring Branch of Fall Creek Watershed?

Yes = 10 pts.

No = 0 pts.

LIVESTOCK SCORE:

21-29 = HIGH, 11-20 = MEDIUM, 0-10 = LOW

WATER QUALITY:

1. Is the area being offered within $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. of at least one of the streams identified as nutrient enriched.

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

2. Is the area being offered within $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. of at least one of the streams identified with pesticide impairments?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

3. Does the area being offered contain any abandoned wells?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

WATER QUALITY: (continued)

4. Is the area being offered dominated by greater than or equal to 50% HEL designated fields?

Yes = 1pt.

No = 0 pts.

WATER QUALITY SCORE:

4 = HIGH, 2-3 = MEDIUM, 0-1 = LOW

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

1. Will the area being offered for contract connect existing forests?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

2. Will Forest Stand Improvement be implemented on the offered tract?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

3. Is the area offered for contract currently enrolled in the Classified Forest Program?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

4. Is at least part of the area offered for contract within the 100-year flood plain?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

5. Are threatened and endangered species shown within the area being offered for contract?

Yes = 1 pt.

No = 0 pts.

FOREST MANAGEMENT: (continued)

6. Does the area offered for contract have the invasive species bush honeysuckle, garlic mustard, autumn olive or reed canary grass?

Yes = 1 pt.
No = 0 pts.

7. Is the area offered for contract located more than 5 miles from an incorporated area?

Yes = 0 pts.
No = 1 pt.

8. Is the area offered for contract located within a 14 digit HUC watershed that contains an IDEM 303(d) listed stream for any impairment?

Yes = 1 pt.
No = 0 pts.

9. Is the area offered for contract on a tract that is ineligible for other USDA programs.

Yes = 1 pt.
No = 0 pts.

FOREST MANAGEMENT. SCORE:

7-9 = HIGH, 4-6 = MEDIUM, 0-3 = LOW

EROSION:

1. Does your tract contain greater than or equal to 25% HEL soils?

Yes = 1 pt.
No = 0 pts.

2. Is the field, with the area of concern, HEL?

Yes = 1 pt.
No = 0 pts.

EROSION: (continued)

3. What type of tillage do you use?

Conventional = 5 pts.

Alternating No-till = 3 pts.

Reduced Tillage = 2 pts.

No-till = 1 pt.

EROSION SCORE:

5-7 = HIGH, 3-5 = MEDIUM, 0-2 = LOW

TOTAL SCORE: