

MARTIN COUNTY – EQIP RANKING PROCESS

FISCAL YEAR 2003

LOCAL RANKING CRITERIA

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

FARM #: _____ TRACT #: _____

COMPLETED BY: _____

RESOURCE CONCERN: LIVESTOCK

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| 1. Does this concern an existing livestock operation with an existing livestock related resource concern? | YES | NO |
| 2. Does this involve an existing resource concern with Mortality Disposal (Poultry or Swine) that will be addressed? | YES | NO |
| 3. Is the operation within the watershed of a 303d listed impaired stream for E. Coli? (Reference maps provided with EQIP Applicant Ranking Procedures for Indiana) | YES | NO |
| 4. On any area being offered that has Animal Waste applied would you be willing to develop and follow a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan that meets NRCS Standards & Specifications for the life of the contract? (Reference NRCS CNMP Checklist) If you do not apply any Animal Wastes on the area being offered or if you already have & follow a CNMP that meets NRCS standards & specs answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 5. Is the area being offered within 500' of and drain into any surface water as defined by IDEM's rules on Confined Feeding Operations (327 IAC 16-2-40). Surface waters being defined as "water present on the surface of the earth, including: streams, lakes, ponds, rivers, swamps, marshes or wetlands". | YES | NO |
| 6. Are animal wastes being staged (stored) uncovered on the ground and will this resource concern be addressed? | YES | NO |
| 7. On any area being offered that is grazing land would you be willing to develop and follow a Prescribed Grazing Plan that meets NRCS Standards & Specifications for the life of the contract? If you do not have any grazing land on the area being offered or if you already have & follow a Prescribed Grazing Plan that meets NRCS standards & specs answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 8. Does livestock have continuous or limited access to any streams, ditches or ponds and will they be excluded for the life of the contract according to a prescribed grazing plan that meets NRCS standards & specifications? | YES | NO |
| 9. Will any existing cropland within the area being offered be planted to hay or pasture for the life of the contract? | YES | NO |

High Priority = 4 or more Yes answers

Medium Priority = 3 out of 7 Yes answers

Low Priority = Less than 3 Yes answers

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RESOURCE CONCERN: WATER QUALITY

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| 1. Is the proposed project within either a watershed of a Community Drinking Water Supplies or a 303d listed impaired stream for Nonpoint Source Pollutants? (Reference maps provided with EQIP Applicant Ranking Procedures for Indiana) | YES | NO |
| 2. Does greater than 50% of the cropland in the area being offered consist of soils with a Leaching Index greater than 10. (Reference the NRCS FOTG Section II, Water Quantity & Quality Interpretations, Table L-2) If no cropland is being offered answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 3. Is the area being offered within 300' of and drain into any surface water as defined by IDEM's rules on Confined Feeding Operations (327 IAC 16-2-40). Surface waters being defined as "water present on the surface of the earth, including: streams, lakes, ponds, rivers, swamps, marshes or wetlands". | YES | NO |
| 4. On any area being offered that has Commercial Fertilizers and/or Animal Wastes applied would you be willing to develop and follow a Nutrient Management Plan that meets NRCS Standards & Specifications for the life of the contract? (Reference NRCS NMP Checklist, 8/26/99) If you do not apply any Comercial Fertilizers &/or Animal Wastes on the area being offered or if you already have & follow an NMP that meets NRCS standards & specs answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 5. Are you willing to install any Conservation Buffers? The term buffers include Vegetative Filter Strips, Riparian Buffers and Field Borders. If answering this question "yes" you must circle which types of buffers you would apply. | YES | NO |

High Priority = 3 or more Yes answers

Medium Priority = 2 out of 5 Yes answers

Low Priority = 1 out of 5 Yes answers

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RESOURCE CONCERN: SOIL EROSION

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| 1. Does greater than 50% of the total cropland acreage within the area being offered meet the definition of Highly Erodible Land (HEL) as defined for USDA Conservation Compliance purposes? At least one third of a field must be made up of HEL soils to be designated HEL. If no cropland is present within the area being offered then answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 2. Does any gully erosion exist within the area being offered that will be corrected by utilizing EQIP cost share funds should you be approved.? | YES | NO |
| 3. If you have soybeans in your rotation for cropland in the area being offered and have not adopted a No-till planting system would you be willing to No-till your Soybeans for the life of the contract? If you already have adopted the practice of No-tilling your beans or do not have Soybeans in your rotation answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 4. Are you willing to forgo all fall tillage for the life of the EQIP Contract on any cropland within the area being offered? If you already always forgo fall tillage on the cropland that is within the area being offered answer this question "No". | YES | NO |
| 5. Are you willing to plant a winter cover crop for the life of the EQIP Contract for any cropland in the area being offered? If you have already adopted the practice of planting a cover crop on the cropland within the area being offered answer this question "No". | YES | NO |

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Medium Priority = 3 out of 5 Yes answers

Low Priority = 2 or less Yes answers

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RESOURCE CONCERN: FORESTRY

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| 1. Will any land (existing cropland, hay or pasture) be planted to trees? | YES | NO |
| 2. Will livestock be excluded from any woodlands within the area being offered?
Livestock must presently have access to and be entering into said woodlands within the area being offered. | YES | NO |
| 3. Are you willing to develop & follow a Forest Management Plan for the life of the contract? | YES | NO |
| 4. Existing woods will be joined or expanded with new tree planting.
(Note: The existing woods may be off of the offered tract) | YES | NO |
| 5. Trees will be planted on soils with “C” Slopes (6 to 12%) or steeper | YES | NO |

High Priority = 3 or more Yes answers

Medium Priority = 2 out of 4 Yes answers

Low Priority = 1 or less Yes answers

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