

2004 EQIP Ranking Process

Local Ranking Criteria Documentation Form

(500 points maximum)

#1 Local Concern: Soil Erosion (250 points)

1. a) Are there gully erosions causing water quality problems on offered acres? (10 points)
1. b) If landowner is willing to address resource concern according to NRCS FOTG? (60 points)
2. Is landowner using Best Management Practices including minimum tillage to reduce soil loss? (30 points)
3. Is cover crop needed? (10 points)
4. Based on the Benton County Soil Survey, are the acres being offered comprised of:
 - A- 30% of the land area with B slopes or steeper AND 50% of the Soils in K Factor of 0.32? (75 points)
 - B- 15% of the land area with slopes steeper than 10% AND 25% of the soils in K Factor? (50 points)
 - C- Less than 15% of the land area with slopes steeper than 10% AND/OR less than 25% of the soils in K Factor? (25 points)

#2 Local Concern: Livestock Management (150 points)

1. Are livestock adjacent to or have direct access to open water? (70 points)
2. Does producer need a waste utilization plan? (30 points)
3. Does producer have odor concern? (10 points)
4. Does producer have confined feeding operation? (20 points)

5. Is producer willing to upgrade livestock facility to meet local, state and federal governmental guidelines? (10 points)
6. Does landowner/user need additional means of disposing of dead animals? (10 points)

#3 Local Concern: Water Quality (90 points)

1. Does the offered acres fall into an area where soil types indicate vulnerable groundwater resources? (30 points)
2. Are there soils in the offered acres that have a leach index greater than 5? (10 points)
3. Does offered acres fall into statewide concern for impaired waterbodies? (25 points)
4. If there is an abandoned well on offered acres that needs to be capped will it be capped according to state standards? (15 points)
5. Does landuser/owner have livestock where waste will be spread on highly leachable soils? (10 points)