

**KNOX COUNTY – EQIP RANKING PROCESS**

**FISCAL YEAR 2004**

**LOCAL RANKING CRITERIA**

**NAME:**

**DATE:**

**FARM #:**

**TRACT #:**

**COMPLETED BY: Tom Held**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: LIVESTOCK**

1. Do you have an open feedlot or pasture livestock operation or inadequate manure storage which is exposed to the weather upon the tract or field being offered for contract? **(10 points yes)**  Yes or  No  
Are you able and willing to correct this problem? **(15 point yes)**  Yes or  No
  
2. Is the Tract/field where manure application area or pasture located within 500' of any waters of the State (IDEM Definition)? **(5 points Yes)**  Yes or  No  
Are you willing to exclude manure application or livestock from water boundaries at minimum distance of 500 feet? **(20 points No)**  Yes or  No
  
3. Does your operation involve Mortality Disposal (Poultry or Swine), And will a Mortality Disposal System be installed as part of the EQIP Contract? **(25 points yes)**  
 Yes or  NO
  
4. Are the acres being offered for contract located within the Kessinger Ditch watershed?  Yes or  No **(25 points yes)**

**LIVESTOCK Score total = \_\_\_\_\_**  
**100 point maximum**

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: SOIL EROSION**

1. Is the tract or field offered for contract identified on the USDA-FSA Water Erosion Slope Map ?                    Yes or No (10 points Yes)

If Yes, Will Erosion Control measures be installed on the tract or field offered for contract to help solve gully, sheet and rill erosion problems?

- Gully Erosion      Yes or No (15 points Yes)  
Sheet and Rill Erosion      Yes or No (25 points Yes)

2. Is the tract or field offered for contract identified on the USDA-FSA Wind Erosion Map?      Yes or No (25 points Yes)

If Yes, Will Wind Erosion Control Measures be installed on the tract or field offered for contract to help solve wind erosion problems?      Yes or No (25 points Yes)

**Soil Erosion Score Total:** \_\_\_\_\_  
100 point maximum

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: WATER QUALITY**

1. Is the tract or field offered for contract located along the White River Old Busseron Creek and Lower Shaker Prairie Ditch Watersheds as indicated for possible vulnerable groundwater resource concerns?

(See Map HU's: 0512011-180-010 and 0512011-180-020)

Yes or  No

**(20 points yes)**

2. Is the tract or field offered for contract located within the designated Kessinger Ditch watershed and/or the White River watershed as indicated for possible vulnerable groundwater resource concerns?

(See Map HU's: 05120202-090-040, 05120202-090-060, 05120202-090-070, 05120202-090-010)

Yes or  No **(20 points Yes)**

3. Is the tract or field offered for contract located within the designated Black Creek/ White River/Plollard/ McGinnis/Singer Ditch/Weaver watersheds as indicated for possible vulnerable groundwater resource concerns?

(See Map HU's: 05120202-060-050, 05120202-050-090, 05120202-050-100, 05120202-060-070, 05120202-070-010)

Yes or  No

**(20 points Yes)**

4. Is the tract or field offered for contract located within the designated White River Lower Plass to Wash/ River Deshee-Vieck Ditch/ Middle/Muddy Run/Upper E Fork Wilson/Swan/City Ditch watersheds as indicated for possible vulnerable groundwater resource concerns?

(See Map HU's: 05120202-100-120, 05120113-020-030, , 05120202-100-100, 05120202-100-090, 05120113-020-010, , 05120113-020-020)

Yes or  No

**(20 points yes)**

5. Is the area tract or field offered for contract within 500' of any waters of the State as designated by USDA NRCS (IDEM definition)

Yes or  No

**(20 points Yes)**

**WATER QUALITY SCORE TOTAL =**  
100 POINT MAXIMUM

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

1. Will a proposed tree planting on the tract or field be offered for contract, connect existing forests?  
Yes or No (25 points)
  
2. Will a tree planting occur on any acreage listed as threatened/impaired species or communities as identified on the USDA NRCS Managed Land Buffer Map or Aquatic Habitat Map or USDA NRCS Public Managed Land Map or USDA NRCS Wetland Species Map?  
Yes or No (25 points)
  
3. Is Livestock present on the woodland tract or field offered for contract and will the livestock be excluded from the woodlands?  
Yes or No (25 points)
  
4. Do you have woodland on your tract and are you will to protect it and or enhance its market timber value?  
Yes or No (50 points)

**FOREST MANAGEMENT SCORE TOTAL =**  
*125 POINT MAXIMUM*

**Local Ranking Summary**

**Livestock =**  
**Water Quality =**  
**Erosion =**  
**Forestry =**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Score Summary (425 point possibility)**