

2004 EQIP Ranking – LaPorte County

Check the category that best describes your farming operation on land being offered for the EQIP contract.

1. Your operation is within 1 mile of:
 - a. 10+ houses (15 pts.)
 - b. 7-9 houses (10 pts.)
 - c. 4-6 houses (5 pts.)
 - d. 3 or fewer houses (0 pts.)

2. Plans for your operation are:
 - a. to grain farm and use only commercial fertilizer (10)
 - b. to grain farm and apply manure from outside sources (20)
 - c. to start a new livestock operation or expand current operation by 20% (30)
 - d. to maintain existing livestock operation (40)

3. Based on the county soil survey, 50% of the soils on the land you are offering for contract have:
 - a. $EI > 8$ (60)
 - b. $EI=6-8$ for water erosion (45)
 - c. $EI=4-6$ (30)
 - d. $EI < 4$ (15)

4. Based on the county soil survey, 50% of the soils on the land you are offering for contract have:
 - a. $EI > 2$ (40)
 - b. $EI < 2$ for wind erosion (20)

5. Based on the county soil survey, 50% of the soils on the land you are offering for contract are in leach category:
 - a. 3 or are muck (60)
 - b. 2 (40)
 - c. 1 (20)

6. Based on the county soil survey, 50% of the soils on the land you are offering for contract have:
 - a. a seasonal high water table at a depth 6' or less (40)
 - b. a seasonal high water table at a depth greater than 6' (20)

7. Cropland, pastureland, or hayland on land being offered for contract lies:
 - a. immediately adjacent to flowing water (perennial or seasonal stream) (100)
 - b. within 300 feet of flowing water (75)
 - c. immediately adjacent to open water that is contained (50)
 - d. within 300 feet of open water that is contained (25)
 - e. none of the above (0)

8. On land being offered for contract, you use fall tillage on:
 - a. <25% of cropland (0)
 - b. 25%-50% (5)
 - c. 50%-75% (10)
 - d. 75%+ (15)

9. On land being offered for contract, your management objectives include:
 - a. increasing organic matter/ground cover through use of cover crops (10)
 - b. adopting a tillage system designed to maximize the amount of residue left on the soil surface at time of planting for all years of the rotation (40)
 - c. both of the above (50)
 - d. neither of the above (0)

10. On land being offered for contract, your woodland management objectives include:
 - a. expanding an existing woodland or creating a new wooded area (25)
 - b. hiring a consulting forester or working with the DNR forester (25)
 - c. both of the above (50)
 - d. neither of the above (0)

11. On land being offered for contract, your management objectives include:
 - a. properly utilizing commercial fertilizers, animal manures, and other materials as plant nutrient resources and soil amendments in order to minimize negative impacts on natural and human resources (20)
 - b. properly utilizing pest controls and pest control techniques in order to minimize negative impacts on natural and human resources (10)
 - c. both of the above (30)
 - d. neither of the above (0)

