

**MARTIN COUNTY – EQIP RANKING PROCESS**

**FISCAL YEAR 2004**

**LOCAL RANKING CRITERIA**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FARM #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TRACT #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

RESOURCE CONCERN: LIVESTOCK

1. Does this concern an existing livestock operation with an existing livestock related resource concern? Yes or No **Points 70**
  
2. Does your operation involve an existing resource concern with Mortality Disposal (Poultry or Swine) that will be addressed? Yes or No **Points 15**
  
3. Is your livestock facility located in within the watershed of a 303d listed impaired stream for E. Coli? (Reference maps provided with EQIP Applicant Ranking Procedures for Indiana) Yes or No **Points 15**
  
4. On any area being offered that has Animal Waste applied, are you willing to treat this area to NRCS Quality Criteria? Yes or No **Points 30**
  
5. Are animal wastes being stage (stored) uncovered on the ground and will this resource concern be addressed? Yes or No **Points 40**
  
6. Does livestock have continuous or limited access to any streams, ditches or ponds and if so will they be excluded from those areas. Yes or No **Points 30**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: LIVESTOCK:**

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_  
**200 Max Possible**

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: SOIL EROSION**

7. 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 or No **Points 30**
  
8. 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 or No **Points 20**
  
9. Are you willing to leave 40% crop residue on the surface for the life of the EQIP Contract on any cropland with the area being offered? Are you willing to Forgo Fall Tillage on the cropland that is with the area being offered? Yes or No **Points 50**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: Soil:**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_  
100 Max Possible**

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: WATER QUALITY**

- 10.** Is the proposed area within either a watershed of a Community Drinking Water Supply or a 303d listed impaired stream for Nonpoint Source Pollutants? (Reference maps provided with EQIP Applicant Ranking Procedures for Indiana)  
Yes or No **Points 10**
- 11.** 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 or No **Points 20**
- 12.** 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 or No **Points 30**
- 13.** On any area being offered that has Commercial Fertilizers and or Animal Wastes applied would you be willing to follow NRCS Quality Criteria.  
Yes or No **Points 15**
- 14.** Are you willing to install any Conservation Buffers? The term buffers include Vegetative Filters Strips, Riparian Buffers and Field Borders. If answering this question "yes" you must circle which type of buffer you would apply.  
Yes or No **Points 25**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: Water Quality:**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_  
100 Max Possible**

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**RESOURCE CONCERN: FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

15. Will any land (existing cropland, hay or pasture) be planted to trees?

Yes or No      **Points 20**

16. Do you have livestock in woods and if so are you willing to keep livestock out of woods for the life of the contract?    Yes or No      **Points 30**

17. Are you willing to follow NRCS Quality Criteria on Forest or Woodland areas for the life of the contract.    Yes or No      **Points 20**

18. Existing woods will be joined or expanded with new tree planting? (Note: The existing woods may be off of the offered tract)

Yes or No      **Points 15**

19. Trees will be planted on soils with “C” Slopes (6 to 12%) or steeper?

Yes or No      **Points 15**

**RESOURCE CONCERN: Forestry:**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_  
100 Max Possible**

**LOCAL RANKING CRITERIA Score Summary = \_\_\_\_\_  
500 Max Possible**