

2004 EQIP Local ranking Questions
Randolph County, Indiana

1. Is the area offered for contract within 1 mile of a stream?
Enter Y or N 50 pts

2. Is the majority of the area offered for contract within one of the following watersheds? (Choose One)
A. Whitewater River 40 pts
B. White River 30 pts
C. Mississinewa River 20 pts
D. Greenville Creek 10 pts
Enter Letter of Choice

3. Is the area offered for contract adjacent to a stream or other body of water?
Enter Y or N 30 pts

4. Is the manure application area adjacent to a stream or other body of water?
Enter Y or No 35 pts

5. Estimate the distance from the area being offered for contract to the nearest Threatened and Endangered Species. (Choose One)
A. None in the area 0 pts
B. Less than 5 miles 25 pts
C. Greater than 5 miles 15 pts.
Enter Letter of Choice

6. Which of the following best describes your current tillage activities on your cropland? (Choose One)
A. A system that leaves less than 20% to 30% ground cover at the time of planting. Some type of fall tillage is used more than 50% of the time. 40 pts
B. A system that leaves more than 30% surface residues at the time of planting. No fall tillage is used but some type of spring tillage is used every year. 30 pts
C. A system that uses both tillage and no-tillage depending on crops planted. 20 pts
D. A complete No-Till system is used on all crops planted. 10 pts
Enter Letter of Choice

7. Does the area offered for contract contain livestock that has access to a stream or other body of water?
Enter Y or N 60 pts

8. Is the amount of on farm manure storage that you currently have less than 180 days?
Enter Y or N 35 pts
9. Do your current forage (hay and pasture) yields meet your needs and future objectives?
Enter Y or N 35 pts
10. Is the woodland area offered for contract currently being grazed?
Enter Y or N 25 pts
11. Do your management objectives include one of the following? (Choose One)
- A. Connecting two or more existing woodland areas. 25 pts
 - B. Expanding an existing woodland area. 25 pts
 - C. Creating a new woodland area. 25 pts
 - D. None of the above 0 pts
- Enter Letter of Choice
12. Based on the County Soil Survey, indicate which of the following best represents 50% or more of the area being offered for contract? (Choose One)
- A. 0 - <2 percent slopes 10 pts
 - B. 2 - 4 percent slopes 25 pts
 - C. >6 percent slopes 50 pts
- Enter Letter of Choice
13. Does at least 25% of the area offered for contract contain floodplain soil?
Enter Y or N 20 pts
14. Gully erosion is present and active on the area being offered for contract. Estimate the number of active gullies present on the offered area. (Choose One)
- A. None to 1 5 pts
 - B. 2 to 4 20 pts
 - C. 5 or more 30 pts
- Enter Letter of Choice.

Definitions:

- Stream: Perennial stream - a stream which flows during all seasons of the year, i.e. represented by a solid blue line on the USGS topo map or documented local knowledge; Seasonal stream – a ditch or other intermittent stream i.e. dashed blue line on USGS topo map, soil survey or documented local knowledge, that has prolonged flows and defined bed and banks that generally does not have vegetation on the bottom of the bed as a result of frequent or prolonged flows. A stream that contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after rainfall or snowmelt.
- Other body of water – permanent water bodies, such as lakes and ponds that provide water cover throughout the year in all years.
- Adjacent – near or close to such that flow from the cropland has a direct path to the receiving waters (flow is not interrupted by vegetation or ponding such that deposition of sediment occurs) that are being protected.
- Gully erosion – the displacement of soil due to concentrated flow of surface water. Gully erosion normally can not be removed through normal farming operations.
- Protected – Threatened and Endangered Species: Maps provided by the NRCS State Office and maintained in each NRCS Field Office. These maps contain documented plant and animal species that have been designated by either the federal or state government as protected or threatened or endangered. Distances will be measured from marked location of species on map to nearest point of the land being offered.