

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program**  
**DETERMINING POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA**  
**Dewey County, Oklahoma**  
**Grazinglands Resource Concerns**

The following guide is provided for determining those applications having potential to earn environmental points in EQIP. It is to be used by USDA personnel in evaluating the resource issues being considered in 2003 and where appropriate to aid clients in determining whether their particular resource concern(s) would receive ranking points in this year's evaluation. Maintain this record with the CCC-1200 and 1201 for documentation of the environmental benefit.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tracts: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting Agency: NRCS

**Resource:** Soil **Concern:** Erosion (Grazingland)

1) Offer includes planned treatment of gully erosion on <b>grazingland</b> to the quality criteria level on the entire operating unit.	Score
0.1 x tons/yr. saved	

**Resource:** Plants **Concern:** Pest – Brush (Eastern Redcedar)

1) Offer includes treatment of <b>eastern redcedar</b> and implementation of grazing management to meet the Prescribed Grazing Standard (528A) on the entire operating unit with the primary concern. Economic criteria includes all costs associated with treatment [Prescribed Burning (338), Brush Management (314), &/or Firebreak (394)] divided by the acres treated. A majority (51%) of the planned treatment acres must occur in the scored category.	Score
High Priority	50 points
Medium Priority	40 points
Low Priority	20 points
2) Economic Criteria (combined cost of treatment per acre)	Score
\$10 or less per acre	50 points
\$11 to \$40 per acre	40 points
\$41 to \$60 per acre	30 points
\$61 to \$90 per acre	20 points
More than \$90 per acre	10 points

**Resource:** Animals **Concern:** Habitat – Water (Domestic)

1) Offer includes treatment planned to provide a <b>permanent</b> source of water for domestic livestock and implementation of grazing management to meet the Prescribed Grazing Standard (528A). All ponds constructed will be fenced to exclude livestock and an alternate water source or limited access provided. Applicable practices include Pipeline (516), Pond (378), Spring Development (574), Watering Facility (614), Well (642), and Animal Trails and Walkways (575).	Score
A permanent water source planned for each 160 acres	50 points
A permanent water source planned for each 80 acres	30 points
A permanent water source planned for each 40 acres	20 points
A permanent water source planned for each 20 acres or less	10 points

**Resource:** Animals    **Concern:** Management – Population and Resource Balance

1) Offer includes implementation of a Prescribed Grazing (528A) system that balances forage production with livestock numbers for the period of the contract.	Score
100% of grazingland in operating unit planned for implementation during contract period	50 points
50-99% of grazingland in operating unit planned for implementation during contract period	20 points
25-49% of grazingland in operating unit planned for implementation during contract period	10 points
<25% of grazingland in operating unit planned for implementation during contract period	0 points

**Criteria Applicable to All Resource Concerns and Land Uses**

1) Offer includes planned treatment for all resource concerns to the quality criteria level, in addition to the primary concern, for all land uses on the entire operating unit (score an additional 500 points only when <b>all</b> resource issues for the entire operating unit are addressed in the conservation plan and will be implemented within the contract period).	Score
	500 points

1) Planned treatment includes protection of existing perennial &/or intermittent streams from degradation by establishment of new and/or protection of existing conservation buffer practices. Both may be scored in this category. Buffer practices include Contour Buffer Strips (332), Filter Strip (393), Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390), Herbaceous Wind Barriers (422A), Field Border (386), and Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380). Existing buffers must meet one of the listed practice standards before points may be awarded.			
Establishment &/or protection will be provided within the contract period. Score all that apply.	Native Species	Introduced Species	Score
Establishing new buffer practices (includes natural regeneration)	50 x acres	10 x acres	
Protection of existing buffers	25 x acres	5 x acres	

1) Planned treatment includes conversion of cropland (dryland or irrigated) to permanent vegetation.	Score
Cropland to Range Planting (550)	10 x acres
Cropland to Pasture and Hay Planting (512)	5 x acres

1) Economic Criteria (combined cost of treatment per acre). Includes the total estimated cost share required to implement <b>ALL</b> planned practices divided by the offered acres.	Score
\$25 or less per acre	60 points
\$26 to \$50 per acre	50 points
\$51 to \$75 per acre	40 points
\$76 to \$100 per acre	30 points
\$101 to \$150 per acre	20 points
\$151 to \$200 per acre	10 points
More than \$200 per acre	0 points

**TOTAL SCORE:**

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Signature of Applicant

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Date