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DETERMINING POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA

Soil Resources Statewide Natural Resource Concern

EQIP Outside Local Emphasis Areas

The following guide is provided for determining those applications having potential to earn environmental points in EQIP Soil Resources Natural Resource Concern outside of local emphasis areas. It is to be used by USDA personnel in understanding the priority 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.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Tracts: _____

Assisted By: _____ Assisting Agency: _____

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1) Does the offer include planned treatment of the following erosion type(s) on cropland to the quality criteria level on the entire operating unit (check and score all that apply)? Yes ____ No ____ If No , the offer is NOT eligible for environmental ranking points under the EQIP Soil Resources Natural Resource Concern. However, it may be eligible for consideration and ranking under another statewide natural resource concern.	Score															
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2) Does the planned treatment result in an improving soil condition index (>0.0 SCI)? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes , score an additional 20 points for each acre where treatment results in an improving SCI.	Score															
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3) Does the planned treatment include adoption of conservation tillage practices in addition to structural/vegetative erosion control practices? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes , score an additional 20 points for each acre conservation tillage will be adopted.	Score															
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4) Does planned treatment include conversion of cropland to permanent vegetation? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes , score 10 points/acre for native grass &/or 5 points/acre for introduced grass.	Score															
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5) Does the offer include 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? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes , score an additional 50 points per acre only when all resource issues for the entire operating unit are addressed in the conservation plan and will be implemented within the contract period.	Score															
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6) Does planned treatment include protection of existing perennial &/or intermittent streams from degradation (application of conservation buffer practices)? Yes ____ No ____ If Yes , score an additional 50 points/acre for establishing new buffer &/or 20 points/acre for protecting existing buffers.	Score															
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Signature of Applicant _____

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