

## DETERMINING POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA Water Quality (Animal Waste Management) 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 Water Quality (Animal Waste Management) 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 involving the production, storage, and application of animal wastes from one or more of the following types of livestock operations? Yes ___ No ___ If <b>No</b> , the offer is <b>NOT</b> eligible for environmental ranking points under the EQIP Water Quality (Animal Waste Management) 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 offer include the planned treatment of land located within an area designated as a nutrient limited watershed? Yes ___ No ___ If <b>Yes</b> , score an additional 50 points per acre only on the land located in a designated nutrient limited watershed. All land in the operating unit with the primary concern will be treated to the quality criteria for water quality (surface) during the contract period.	Score									
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3) Does the offer include the planned treatment of land located within an area designated as a moderate, high, and/or very high nutrient-vulnerable groundwater area? Yes ___ No ___ If <b>Yes</b> , check and score all that apply. All land in the operating unit with the primary concern will be treated to the quality criteria for water quality (groundwater) during the contract period.	Score									
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4) 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 <b>Yes</b> , score an additional 50 points per acre 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									
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5) Does planned treatment include protection of existing perennial &/or intermittent streams from degradation (application of conservation buffer practices)? Yes ___ No ___ If <b>Yes</b> , score an additional <b>50 points/acre</b> for establishing a new buffer &/or <b>20 points/acre</b> for protecting existing buffers.	Score									
and/or 50 x acres 20 x acres										
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b> _____										

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Signature of Applicant

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Date