

**REVISED - FY 2002 EQIP APPLICATION EVALUATION
CROPLAND RESOURCE CONCERNS**

County:	Date:
Name:	Tract #:
HU Code:	Farm #:
Cost-Share/incentive Amount:	Environmental Score:
Completed By:	Checked By:

Note: Only one point choice for each criteria. Points are not to be added up within criteria.

NC = NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS EVALUATION PC = POTENTIAL CHANGE

NOTE: CHANGES TO EVALUATION CRITERIA ARE IN BOLD

LOCATION CRITERIA		Points Given
<i>Is the site within a Hydrologic Unit on the DEQ TMDL List Provided for FY 2002 Statewide EQIP</i>	Max. 10 Pts.	NC
Yes	10	
No	0	
<i>Rank of Hydrologic Unit on DCR NPS List for Ag. Land Nutrient Loading</i>	Max. 10 Pts.	NC
Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked High	10	
Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Medium	5	
Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Low	0	
<i>Rank of Hydrologic Unit from DCR NPS List for Agricultural Erosion</i>	Max. 10 Pts.	NC
Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked High	10	
Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Medium	5	
Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Low	0	
<i>Cost Shared Practices will reduce erosion to "T" within 300 ft of a stream containing a listed state or federal aquatic species, or livestock will be excluded from the stream containing a listed state or federal species. A block indicating a listed aquatic species must be no more than 1/4 mile downstream of treated area. (Use VDGIF Maps only) List Cost-Shared Practices for this category:</i>	Max. 10 Pts.	PC
Yes	10	
No	0	
SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION		
<i>Is the site being considered for accelerated treatment to comply with any state or local program, regulation, or law such as the VA Ag Stewardship Act</i>	Max. 5 Pts.	NC
Yes	5	
No	0	
<i>Existing soil loss rate on treatment area - Note: Use weighted average for multiple treated fields - show calculations on worksheet</i>	Max. 25 Pts.	NC
2"T" and Above	25	
Between "T" and 2"T"	15	
At or below "T"	0	
<i>Active gullies on the treatment area that will be corrected EQIP funds must be used to treat gullies to award points.</i>	Max. 30 Pts.	PC
3 or more gullies to be treated	30	
2 gullies to be treated	20	
1 gully to be treated	10	
No gullies are to be treated	0	
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Weighted Erodibility Index (EI) for treatment area (use 3 predominant soils) - Show calculations on worksheet.		Max. 40 Pts. NC
	EI >15	40
	EI 8 to 15	15
	EI <8	0
Leaching Index (L.I.) of the treatment area (use weighted avg. of the 3 predominant soils)		Max. 40 Pts. NC
Soil 1&L.I.: Ac.	Soil 2&L.I.: Ac.	Soil 3&L.I.: Ac.
	High	40
	Medium	20
	Low	0
Distance of closest treatment area to a blue line stream, water body, or active sink hole. (Treatment Area = EQIP cost-shared practices or EQIP incentive payments applied)		Max. 50 Pts. PC
	<100 Feet from surface water	50
	100 to 300 Feet from surface water	40
	300 to 500 Feet to surface water	20
	>500 Feet to surface water or does not apply	0
Buffer Zone to be installed as part of EQIP contract. EQIP funds must be used for buffer zone establishment to award points. If CREP funds are used for buffers points may <u>not</u> be awarded.		Max. 50 Pts. PC
	Buffer width > 100 Feet	50
	Buffer width 100 Feet Minimum	40
	Buffer width 50 Feet Minimum	30
	Buffer width 35 Feet Minimum	20
	Buffer width 25 Feet Minimum	10
	Buffer width less than 25 feet	0
Will a Riparian Forested Buffer be established using hardwood trees. EQIP cost-share funds must be used to establish hardwood trees (612 and/or 391). Points may <u>not</u> be awarded if hardwood trees are established using CREP funds.		Max. 25 Pts. PC
	Yes	25
	No	0
Wildlife habitat will be enhanced by establishing wildlife plantings. EQIP funds must be used to establish wildlife plantings to award points.		Max. 25 Pts. PC
	Perennial herbaceous and/or shrub mix suitable for wildlife included in contract	25
	Mix suitable for wildlife not included in contract	0
Will a conservation system protect or enhance wetlands on or near the site (Practices must be part of CPO/Contract and location of wetlands shown on the plan map) EQIP cost-shared practice(s) must be used to protect or enhance wetlands in order to award points. List cost-shared practices which protect/enhance wetlands:		Max. 25 Pts. PC
	Yes	25
	No	0
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SCORE FROM PAGE 1		
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCORE (355 Points Maximum Score)		