

**Local Work Group Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Ranking Criteria Worksheet FY2011
Grand Forks County
Funding Pool Grassland**

The Local Work Group (LWG) requests the inclusion of the following **five** local resource criteria to be utilized for applicants requesting participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). These criteria will be used to evaluate and prioritize EQIP applications for funding and optimize the environmental benefits at the local level.

- 1. Does the EQIP application include implementation of practices that will increase plant diversity, health, & vigor or address energy conservation?
- 2. Does the EQIP application offer to keep established perennial vegetation in grass and/or establish new perennial vegetation?
- 3. Does the EQIP application consist of a practice(s) that will reduce animal waste and sedimentation in wetlands and/or reduce the potential to contaminate ground water and/or have a positive effect on water quality?
- 4. Does the EQIP application include a grazing system designed to provide at least a 75% recovery period or contains practices that facilitate a grazing system?
- 5. Does the EQIP application provide for the development or protection of food, water, or habitat for domestic and/or wildlife species?

If one of the above criteria does not meet your local resource concerns, please provide a recommended criteria and its inclusion will be considered.

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