

Kansas Technical Committee

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AGENDA

- ∅ Review Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 EQIP Accomplishments
- ∅ Review recommendations from the Kansas Technical Committee (KTC) subcommittee meetings on July 6, 19, and August 10.

Kansas Fiscal Year 2011 Environmental Quality Incentive Program Financial Assistance Allocation* \$19,247,317

	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Allocation</u>	<u>KTC Rec.</u>
<u>RANKING CATEGORY FUNDING</u>				
Comprehensive Nutrient Management CAP	1	\$2,317	.01%	0.5%
Nutrient Management CAP	0	\$0	0.0%	0.5%
Irrigation Water Management CAP	0	\$0	0.0%	0.5%
Transitioning for Irrigation to Dryland Activity Plan	0	\$0	0.0%	0.5%
Forestland Health	11	\$25,872	0.1%	1.0%
Grazing Lands Health	333	\$4,401,416	22.9%	18.0%
Grazing Land Health – Beginning Farmer/Rancher	26	\$493,603	2.6%	2.0%
Grazing Land Health – Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher	10	\$85,956	0.4%	0.5%
Grazing Land Health – Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher	7	\$94,181	0.5%	2.0%
Livestock Waste	41	\$3,054,483	15.9%	19.5%
Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs	27	\$934,848	4.9%	5.0%
Tribal	2	\$72,713	0.4%	0.5%
Water Quantity	19	\$1,311,891	6.8%	7.0%
Water Quantity – QRAs	10	\$677,781	3.5%	5.0%
Water Quality/Cropland Health	367	\$5,183,876	35.3%	27.5%
Water Quality/Cropland Health - Beginning Farmer/Rancher	26	\$715,365	3.7%	3.0%
Water Quality/Cropland Health – Limited Resources Farmer/Rancher	6	\$66,986	0.3%	1.0%
Water Quality/Cropland Health - Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher	4	\$69,230	0.4%	3.0%
Wildlife Habitat	1	\$144,080	0.7%	3.0%
	909	\$18,952,708	98.4%	100%

*Allocations as of 8/26/11

For Discussion Today

∅ National Ranking Tool “Weightings”

Category	2011	Recommended 2012
Efficiency	10	10
National Issues	25	25
State Issues	40	40
Local Issues	25	25

FY 2011 EQIP Allocation Distribution

<u>Ranking Category</u>	<u>FY 2012 Recommendations</u>
CNMP Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) (0.5)	0.5
Nutrient Management CAP (0.5)	0.5
IWM CAP (0.5)	0.5
Transitioning from Irrigation to Dryland Activity plan (0.5)	0.5
Forestland Health (1.0)	1.0
Grazing Land Health (18)	18
Grazing Land Health–Beginning Farmer/Rancher (2.0)	2.0
Grazing Land Health–Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher (0.5)	0.5
Grazing Land Health–Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (2.0)	2.0
Livestock Waste (19.5)	19.5
Sedimentation Above Federal Reservoirs (5.0)	5.0

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Water Quantity (7.0)	7.0
Water Quantity–QRAs (5.0)	5.0
Water Quality/Cropland Health (27.5)	27.5
Water Quality/Cropland Health–Beginning Farmer/Rancher (3.0)	3.0
Water Quality/Cropland Health–Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher (1.0)	1.0
Water Quality/Cropland Health–Socially Disadvantaged Famer/Rancher (3.0)	3.0
Wildlife Habitat (3.0)	3.0

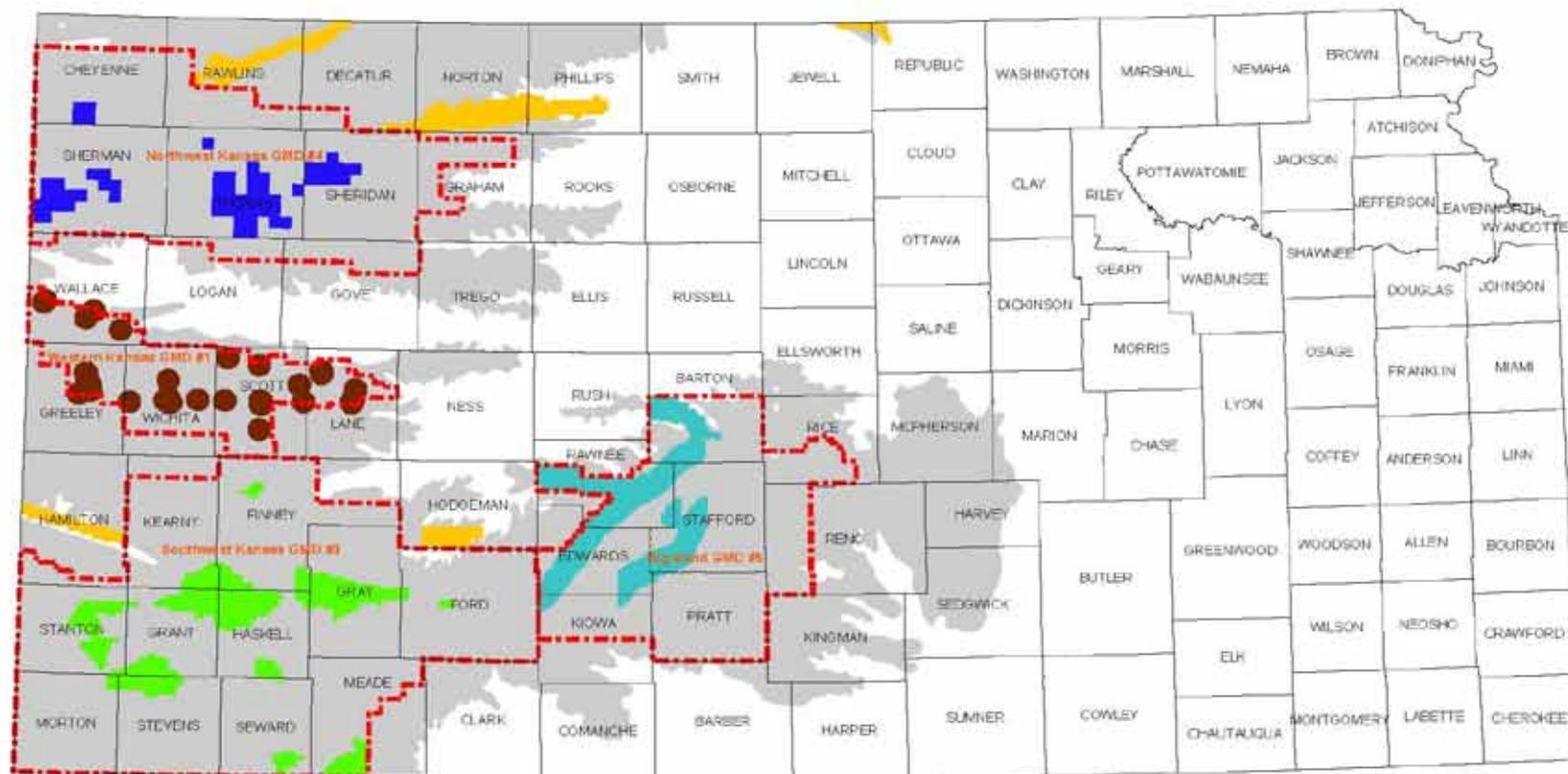
KTC Subcommittee Meeting Notes and Recommendations

- ∅ The Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) hydrologic unit code (HUC) map for livestock waste and Water Quality/Cropland Health will replace the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) watershed maps.
- ∅ Conservation Practice 315, Herbaceous Weed Control, was added to assist with 612, Tree/Shrub Establishment.
- ∅ Conservation Practice 798, Seasonal High Tunnels, will remain only in the Organic Initiative.

KTC Subcommittee Meeting Notes and Recommendations

- ∅ The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas will continue use a 75 percent payment rate.
- ∅ The following question will be added to the Water Quantity Ranking?
 - § Participant is enrolled in the Water Right Conservation Program (WRCP).
- ∅ The EQIP Quick Response Areas (QRA) map has been revised for FY 2012.
 - § Groundwater Management District (GMD) No. 1 now has a three mile radius around the public water supply well fields (previous map had a two mile radius)
 - § GMD No. 3 has smoothed their priority area boundaries

Kansas Environmental Quality Incentives Program Quick Response Areas



Quick Response Areas

- Division of Water Resources
- Western Kansas GMD #1
- Southwest Kansas GMD #3
- Northwest Kansas GMD #4
- Big Bend GMD #5

- Groundwater Management District (GMD) Boundaries
- High Plains Aquifer



KTC Subcommittee Meeting Notes and Recommendations

- ∅ Conservation Practice 315, Herbaceous Weed Control, and Conservation Practice 660, Tree Shrub Pruning, have been added to the Forestland Health practice list.
- ∅ Wildlife escape ramps be required for watering facilities?
- ∅ The designated at Risk Species Habitat Areas Map will change because the Bald Eagle is no longer listed as a threatened and endangered (T&E) species.

KTC Subcommittee Meeting Notes and Recommendations

- ∅ A proposal will be submitted by Kansas Grazing Land Coalition (KGLC) for participants in the Grazing Land Health ranking category to receive local points for those who have or will attend range school.
- ∅ Kansas Forest Service (KFS) recommended revising the Forest Stewardship Priority Areas map to include only three priority categories and revise the ranking question accordingly.

Kansas Environmental Quality Incentives Program Forest Stewardship Potential



KTC Subcommittee Meeting Notes and Recommendations

- ∅ Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is completing the updated Geographic Information System (GIS) shape files for the following maps for FY 2012.
 - § High Priority Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) watersheds (including additional Phosphorus TMDL watersheds)
 - § WRAPS implementation watersheds
 - § High priority HUC 12s identified in WRAPS water shed plans

KTC Subcommittee Meeting Notes and Recommendations

- ∅ Prescribed burning will be added to the Wildlife Habitat ranking category.
- ∅ Conservation Practice 580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection, will only be included in the Sedimentation of Federal Reservoirs ranking category. This practice was removed from the Water Quantity ranking category.

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