

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

SWIFT COUNTY (BENSON FO) District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion

Water Quality

Wildlife Habitat

Improvement of Grazing/Pasture

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Pomme De Terre Watershed-Soil Erosion Issues and Water Quality Issues

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications in the Pomme De Terre Watershed that will apply for Nutrient Mgt.

Applications in the Pomme De Terre Watershed that will apply for Conservation Tillage

Applications in the Pomme De Terre Watershed that will apply for Irrigation Sprinkler Conversion

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality: Will this application address soil erosion or water quality in the Pomme De Terre watershed by installing a conservation practice that has a lifespan of > 10yrs? 20 pts

All Concerns: Will this practice be a NEW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OR CHANGE TO WHAT THE APPLICANT IS ALREADY DOING? 20 pts

Soil Erosion: Will this application reduce soil erosion by installation of a terrace, sediment basin OR waterway? 10 pts

**Water Quality: Will this application be located within 100 feet of a judicial ditch?
5pts**

**Water Quality: Will this application be located within 100 feet of a protected water
or wetland? 5pts**

- 5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**
- 6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
- 7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Cory Drummond Chair, Local Work Group

Date