

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ Jackson _____ District FY08 EQIP

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

Conservation Tillage, Water Quality and Quantity, Erosion and Sedimentation, Nutrient Management, Ag Waste, Buffer/Filter Strips.

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

Elm Creek, Des Moines River, and Iowa Great Lakes Watersheds.

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.

1. Earthwork Practices. (Grassed Waterways, Terraces, Water & Sediment Control Basins, Diversion).
2. Sensitive Crop Acres (Practices – Pasture & Hayland Planting, Prescribed Grazing, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, Windbreak)
3. Soil Erosion – (Practices – Residue Management – No Till, Strip Till, Ridge Till)

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.

1. Is this an earthwork practice? (Grassed Waterways, Terraces, Water & Sediment Control Basins, Diversion).
2. Is the practice eligible to be partnered with other non federal programs?
3. Is the practice one of the following practices: Practices – Pasture & Hayland Planting, Prescribed Grazing, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, Windbreak
4. Are you converting to Ridge Till, Strip Till, or No Till practices?
5. Is the practice located in the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed?

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.

1. 15 points

2. 15 points

3. 10 points

4. 10 points

5. 10 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

Nothing was asked to be deleted or added to the EQIP docket.

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.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date