

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Norman County Soil and Water District FY08 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion
Water Quality
Pasture Conditions & Grazing
Flooding and Water Management
Energy

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

Wild Rice River Watershed

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.

Soil Erosion, Air Quality and Water Quality Concerns
Applications Addressing Prescribed Grazing Concerns
All Applications Addressing Water Management Concerns

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 – Does this application install either a spring seeded cover crop on sugar beets or a strip-till/no-till system? 10 points

Soil Erosion and Water Quality – Does this application install a field border or permanent grass cover? 15 points

Soil Erosion and Water Quality – Does this application install practices that will result in the installation of a prescribed grazing system? 7 points

Soil Erosion and Air Quality – Does this application install a practice that improves air quality and reduces soil erosion (i.e. windbreak/shelterbelt renovation or establishment)? 5 points

Soil Erosion and Water Quality – Does this application address upland treatment concerns on cropland within the Wild Rice River Flood Plain? 3 points

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.

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