

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Renville District FY08 EQIP

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

Soil Erosion

Water Quality

Pasture Establishment

Ag Waste Storage

Nutrient Mgmt

Wildlife Habitat

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

None – All of Renville has equal 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.

Soil Erosion

Water quality

Wastewater/CNMP

Habitat Improvement

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 –

1) Will the installed practice reduce soil erosion by 3 ton or more? 5 points

2) Will the installed practice reduce soil erosion to T or less? 5 points

3) Will the installed practice be extended beyond the life of the EQIP Contract? 5 points

Water Quality-

1) Will the installed practice address Impaired Water areas? 5 points

2) Will the installed practice be installed within 500 feet of receiving waters! 5 points

3) Will the installed practice be installed within 1000 feet of receiving waters! 5 points

Ag Waste Storage/Feedlot Runoff Control

- 1) Will the installed practice reduce and/or eliminate runoff and milk house waste from entering into waters of the state? 6 points
- 2) Will the installed practice help producers manage manure properly? 6 points
- 3) Will the installed practice help to improve storage to reduce improper timing of manure application? 6 points

Habitat Improvement

- 1) Will the installed practice provide improved nesting habitat for migratory as well as local species of birds and animals? 4 points
 - 2) Will the installed practice improve native grass stand density and forb abundance? 4 points
 - 3) Will the installed practice reduce succession on native grass prairies? 4 points
- 5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 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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Date