

Pickaway County EQIP Evaluation Worksheet 2009

Local Ranking Sheet

The purpose of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is to assist with the installation and implementation of conservation practices that address natural resource concerns on private lands. State resource concerns include water quality, soil erosion and soil quality, habitat recovery for at-risk species, and air quality protection. Producers who sign up for the EQIP program will be scored a maximum of 400 state and local points, based on the practices they apply for and the resource concerns they address.

Signup for the program can be taken at the USDA Service Center, 110 Island Road, Suite D, Circleville, Ohio. For more information please contact the office at (740) 477-1693.

Applications for the EQIP 2009 sign-up will be accepted through 5/08/2009.

The Pickaway County Local Work Group (LWG) completed the EQIP evaluation worksheet for local resource concerns. **There are 100 possible ranking points for the local resource concerns.** The (LWG) made the determination that all watersheds in the county need to be addressed.

The entire group of applications will require a pre-screening process based on a 14 question survey. This will categorize the applications into funding group ratings of high, medium and low rankings. Conventional applications will be funded at the local county level; funds will be allocated to the top-scoring applicants until all local EQIP dollars are exhausted.

Limited Resource Farmers, Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers may be eligible to receive program funds at approximate the 90% cost share and will be funded at the state level.

Forestry EQIP applications will be funded at the state level. Pickaway County is a special interest area for the Invasive Species Control Bush Honeysuckle and Tree of Heaven. Participants must have a forestry plan in place, preferably less than 10 years old. If a plan is older than that it can be updated by a Service Forester.

Producers applying for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) or grazing practices will be required to submit current soil tests (within last 3 years).

If an applicant requires a CNMP and does not have one, they will be required to obtain one, either with incentive dollar assistance or without. If the applicant wishes to receive incentive dollars to develop the CNMP a Technical Service Provider (TSP) must be used. They will need to sign up for a second application to apply for waste storage utilization practices.

In the event that there is a tie in the ranking, the tie will be broken by the date the application was filed. The first (older date) will prevail.

If you have questions regarding this program, contact Dan E. Garver, NRCS District Conservationist, at the address or phone number shown above.

Pickaway County Local Work Group
 County Conservation Practice Priorities For:

1. Headquarter practices – which provide conservation benefit to water quality, soil erosion prevention, plant & animal production & health & air quality

	<u>Allowed Points</u>	<u>Earned Points</u>
A. Ag Chemical Secondary Confinement	50	_____
B. Composting Facility	50	_____
	<u>Sub Total</u>	_____

2. Agronomic soil & water quality practices – which provide conservation benefit to water quality, soil quality & reduced soil erosion

A. Management Level I and Management Level II (Bundle of practices)	90	_____
B. Residue Management, mulch tillage, using Phillips, Airway or Phoenix type tools	60	_____
C. Residue Management, strip till	60	_____
D. Residue Management, No-Till – Corn Only	60	_____
E. Drainage Water Management	60	_____
F. Cover Crop (maximum of 50 acres – 1 yr. contract)	60	_____
G. Nutrient Management, Precision Grid Application of Fertilizer & Lime	40	_____
	<u>Sub Total</u>	_____

3. Erosion control – which provides conservation benefit to soil erosion control, soil quality, water quality, and plant health

A. Water & sediment control basin	90	_____
B. Dike	40	_____
C. Grade stabilization structure	40	_____
D. Grassed Waterway	40	_____
E. Streambank & shoreline protection	40	_____
F. Lined waterway or outlet	20	_____
G. Riparian forest buffer	10	_____
	<u>Sub Total</u>	_____

4. Pastureland – which provides conservation benefits to plant health & vigor – increased yield, animal health, more uniform grazing of the land, soil erosion control, reduced weed competition

	<u>Allowed Points</u>	<u>Earned Points</u>
A. Pasture planting – warm season grasses only on ¼ to 1/3 of pasture base	90	_____
B. Sacrificed Area or Heavy Use Area protection (All Season)	90	_____
C. Access Road	15	_____
D. Pipeline	12	_____
E. Pond	12	_____
F. Spring development	12	_____
G. Watering facility	12	_____
H. Pasture & Hayland Planting	12	_____
I. Water Well	12	_____
J. Brush Management	10	_____
K. Prescribed Grazing	10	_____
	<u>Sub Total</u>	_____

5. Miscellaneous (5 points per practice)

A. _____	5	_____
B. _____	5	_____
C. _____	5	_____
D. _____	5	_____
E. _____	5	_____
	<u>Sub Total</u>	_____

Total of all practice points

TOTAL POINTS

Local Ranking Sheet Points

- 1) Headquarters (_____ POINT MAXIMUM)
- 2) Agronomic Soil & Water Quality (_____ POINT MAXIMUM)
- 3) Erosion Control (_____ POINT MAXIMUM)
- 4) Pastureland (_____ POINT MAXIMUM)
- 5) Miscellaneous (_____ POINT MAXIMUM)

LOCAL TOTAL (100 MAX) _____

State Ranking Sheet Points

STATE TOTAL (300 MAX) _____

TOTAL (400 MAX) _____

NOTE:

Please be aware that the final local ranking score may vary from what is displayed on this sheet. Any differences are due to the Cost Efficiency Tool, which is embedded in the Application and Evaluation Ranking Tool (AERT) used to rank all 2009 EQIP applications.

Landowner/Operator Signature

Date

NRCS Designated Conservationist

Date