

EQIP Evaluation 2007 --- Miami County, Ohio

The Miami County Local Work Group met on November 16, 2006. The Local Work Group did not make any changes to the local ranking sheet for the 2007 program.

Since water quality and soil erosion continue to be the top resource concerns for the county, conservation practices that address these concerns (for example, grassed waterways, agricultural containment facilities) were given the highest number of points.

Livestock confinement operations will need a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) in order to apply for any incentive payments for any practices this year. Grazing operations will need a Grazing Management Plan (GMP) in order to apply for any incentive payments for pasture type practices. Producers applying for a CNMP or GMP will be approved at the county level upon application.

Limited resource farmers will be addressed by setting aside \$5,000 of the funds for allocation. Limited resource farmers will be placed in a separate ranking pool. In the event that there are no limited resource farmers applying, 100% of the funds will be distributed to the top ranking application(s).

MIAMI COUNTY LOCAL WORK GROUP EQIP SCORESHEET NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Applicant _____ Date _____ Tract # _____

PRACTICE LOCATION (40 points maximum):

1. Practice is within the following watershed:
 - a. Lostcreek/Springcreek (8 points)
 - b. Honey Creek (8 points)
 - c. Stillwater (4 points)

2. Percent of cropland consisting of B & C slopes or steeper:
 - a. 61% to 80% (8 points)
 - b. 41% to 60 % (6 points)
 - c. 21% to 40 % (4 points)
 - d. Less than 20% (2 points)

3. Farm operation is within a certain distance of any blue line on the USGS map:
 - a. 0 to 1000 lineal feet (8 points)
 - b. 1,001 to 2000 lineal feet (6 points)
 - c. 2,001 to 3,000 lineal feet (4 points)
 - d. Greater than 3,000 lineal feet (2 points)

4. Structural practice watershed acres:
 - a. 200 plus acres (8 points)
 - b. 100 – 199 acres (6 points)
 - c. 33 – 99 acres (4 points)
 - d. 0 – 32 acres (2 points)

5. Public road right-of-way proximity to a structural practice's outlet:
 - a. 0 – 50 feet (8 points)
 - b. 50 -100 feet (6 points)
 - c. 100 feet + (4 points)

PRACTICE PRIORITY: Assign points that will be cost-shared under this EQIP application.

Structural Practices (30 point maximum)

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| Water and Sediment Control Basin – 10 points | Lined WW or outlet – 5 points |
| Grassed Waterway – 10 points | Roof Runoff – 5 points |
| Grade Stabilization Structure – 5 points | Stream/Shoreline Protection-5pts |
| Agricultural Chemical Handling Facility – 20 points | Diversion – 5 points |
| Livestock Heavy Use Pad – 5 points | Critical Area Planting – 5 points |
| Waste Storage Structure – 5 points | |
| Fencing – 5 points | |
| Alternative water sources for grazing – 5 points | |
| All other structural practices – 2 points for each different practice | |

Management Practices (20 point maximum)

Conservation Cover:

- a) Tree planting (2 or more species) - 5 points
- b) Warm Season Grasses (3 or more species) – 5 points
- c) Cool season Grasses (3 or more species) – 3 points

Cover Crop – 5 points

Nutrient Management (grid soil sampling and variable rate fertilizer application) – 10 pts

Residue Management (no-till) – 5 points

Residue Management (mulch till) – 5 points

Prescribed Grazing (rotational grazing system) – 10 points

Field Borders (grass and trees) – 5 points

Timber Stand Improvement – 5 points

Filter Strip – 5 points

Riparian Forest Buffer – 5 points

Spring Development – 5 points

Waste Utilization – 5 points

All other management practices 2 points for each practice

OTHER SITE CONSIDERATIONS (10 points maximum):

- 1. Producer will grid soil sample and use precision fertilizer/lime application:
 - a. Less than 25% of tillable acres (1 point)
 - b. 26% – 50% of tillable acres (3 points)
 - c. 51% - 75% of tillable (5 points)

- 2. Direct manure discharge of animal waste.
 - a. Potential for direct discharge (5 points)
 - b. No danger of direct discharge (0 points)

TOTAL POINTS FOR LOCAL RESOURCE CONCERNS (can not exceed 100 points) _____

Applicant Signature _____

NRCS Representative _____