

**West Fork EQIP Ranking 2006**

Date:

Farm Name:

Farm #:

Tract #:

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF EQIP APPLICATION: (CHECK ONE)

GRAZING LAND MANAGEMENT

ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Points

Natural Resource Concern/Issue

**Water Quality**

(Max of 10 Points)

*Livestock will be excluded from streams and/or existing ponds by fencing.*

5 Points

OR

*Livestock will be excluded from all streams and ponds on operating unit.*

10 Points

**Forest management**

(Max of 10 Points)

*Livestock will be excluded from woodland by fencing.*

5 Points

OR

*Livestock will be excluded from all of the woodland on operating unit by fencing.*

10 Points

**Surface Water Quality**

(Max of 10 Points)

*Reduce excessive erosion from Class 7 grassland or critically eroding areas by a land use conversion to forestland. 10 points*

**Plant Productivity**

(Max of 10 Points)

*Establishment of warm season grasses. 5 points*

*Pasture planting to establish higher quality forages (do not seed fescue). (512) 10 Points*

*Frost Seed Legumes*

**10 Points**

**Plant Productivity**

(Max of 20 Points)

*Points will be awarded based on degree of planned pasture management.*

*Continuous Grazing (9 days + grazing cycle)*

**10 points**

*Rotational Grazing (5-8 days grazing cycle)*

**15 points**

*Managed Intensive Grazing (1-4 days grazing cycle)*

**20 points**

**Insufficient Livestock Water**

(Max of 30 Points)

*Develop sources of water for livestock in order to reduce excessive erosion or animal waste related problems to improve surface water quality.*

*Install Water System*

**30 points**

**Surface Water Quality**

(Max of 15 Points)

*Improve surface water quality by implementing stream crossings for livestock or equipment. 15 points*

**Soil Erosion/Soil Tilth**

(Max of 20 Points)

*Improve soil tilth and reduce excessive erosion by the conversion of cropland to pastureland or hayland. Class II or higher.*

*Highly erodible land (HEL)*

**20 Points**

*Non-highly erodible land (NHEL)*

**10 Points**

Farm Name:  Farm #:  Tract #:

**Surface Water Contamination: animal waste** (Max of 10 Points)  
*Improve water quality and provide for better utilization of animal waste nutrients by relocating an established winter feeding area & installing animal waste storage facility. Standard Codes - 561 Heavy Use Area Protection & 313 - Waste Storage Facility. CNMP required. Feeding and Animal Waste Storage will be roofed and will be located out of the 25 year floodplain. Distance from stream or waterway of proposed feeding location.*  
**< 200 feet = 1 point                      300-400 feet = 4 points                      500-600 feet = 8 points**  
**200-300 feet = 2 points                      400-500 feet = 6 points                      > 600 feet = 10 points**

**Surface Water Contamination: animal waste & sediments** (Max of 5 Points)  
*Divert overland flow or overhead flow of clean water from existing permanent livestock feeding areas, ex. Diversions, gutters. 5 points*

**Soil Erosion - Reduce Ephemeral/Gully Erosion** (Max of 20 points)  
*Reduce Ephemeral/gully erosion.*  
Reduce average erosion > 500 cu. ft./yr. **20 points**  
Reduce average erosion <500 cu. ft./yr. **10 points**

**Human Considerations - Economics** (Max of 30 points)  
*Award 30 points if Producer has never received an EQIP Contract.*

**Promotion of "At-Risk" species habitat recovery.** (Max of 10 Points)  
*Promote habitat recovery of the Clubshell Mussel on the Hackers Creek Watershed and the Meathouse Fork watershed. Award **10 points** if the farm is located within one of these drainage areas.*

**Addressing Multiple Resource Concerns** (Max of 20 Points)  
*Applicant has multiple resource issues and applicant is willing to address identified resource concerns. Applicant will address at least five (5) resource concerns (ranking items 1-13)*  
**20 Points**

**Livestock Type** (Max of 30 Points)  
*Primary farm operation is used for the production of food and/or fiber.*  
**30 Points**

Total