

EQIP Evaluation Worksheet for Grazing Lands
 CCC-1201 Supplement, FY 2004 - Pennsylvania (Last Revised 02/11/04)
 (The applicant shall agree to establish a Prescribed Grazing System)

Resource / Concern / Evaluation	Treatment	Points Awarded	Practice(s) to be implemented (Codes)	Conservation Practice Effect Expected
SOIL / Sheet & Rill Erosion				
Erosion	Erosion from grazing fields and/or cropland fields that will be converted to grazing will be reduced. 1 Ton/Ac/yr = 5 points (Max. of 35 points)			
total				

WATER: Nutrient Management				
Inadequate manure/nutrients handling on pasture fields	A Nutrient Management plan, including land treatment meeting soil loss tolerance, will be developed and followed. = 10 points			
Overgrazing, no water in pastures.	Will implement a Prescribed Grazing system with off stream water supply in each paddock:			
	Grazing period per paddock of 4-6 days = 10 points			
	Grazing period per paddock of 3 or less days = 15 points			
Runoff from animal concentration areas.	Heavy use areas (HUA), not related to barnyard, that are creating an environmental problem will be treated = 10 pts.			
total				

WATER: Water Sources and Riparian Areas				
Livestock in surface water sources, streambanks are bare or unstable.	Livestock will be excluded except for stable crossings. = 20 points			
total				

WILDLIFE / Habitat Improvement (maximum of 15 points) (These practices will be managed to benefit at risk species ¹ of wildlife.)				
Little or no habitat for at risk species	Will establish one or more of the following practices:			
	Field Borders, 386, 30 ft. wide minimum, 3% or 1 Ac ² of contract acreage. (see note) = 15 points			
	Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer ³ , 55 ft. wide minimum, 100% of degraded stream length = 15 points			
	Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer, 30 ft. wide minimum, 100% of degraded stream length = 15 points			
	Pasture & Hay Planting with warm-season grasses ⁴ , 512 (3% or 1 Ac of contract acreage.) = 15 points			
total				

Human/Social (maximum of 15 points)				
With the contract a RMS ⁵ plan (that includes a new wildlife habitat practice for at risk species) will be implemented.	5 points			
Land under perpetual farmland preservation easement ⁶ .	5 points			
Land proposed for contract is within a 303(d), Category 5, State Water Plan Subbasin that is being impaired by agricultural activities	5 points			
Applicant will participate in a cooperative arrangement with neighbors to install conservation practices in contiguous land.	5 points			
Applicant has secured additional non-federal funding (other than the applicant's) for this project.	5 points			
Producer developed a Prescribed Grazing Plan ⁷ at least 3 months prior to EQIP application	5 points			

Land is within 2640 feet of a residential subdivision or non-agricultural commercial development.

5 points

total

Worksheet Total

Evaluated by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

- 1 At risk species = In Pennsylvania primarily grassland birds.
 - 2 When contract acreage is \leq 33 Ac the 3 % applies, for 34 Ac and over 1 Ac applies.
 - 3 Three Zone Riparian Buffer= buffer comprising the two forest zones and the herbaceous cover zone described on PATG.
 - 4 The management for at risk spp. will include delaying harvest until August 1.
 - 5 RMS = Resource Management System; highest level of conservation treatment
 - 6 Farmland Preservation Easement: Deed restriction on record at court house.
 - 7 Prescribed Grazing Plan = Grazing plan according to conservation practice 528A
- Note:** The fence to separate the field border from the grazing field will meet the NRCS standard for exterior fence.