Environmental Quality Incentives Program
DETERMINING POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA
Statewide Manure Transfer Resource Concerns

The following guide is provided for determining those applications having potential to earn environmental points in EQIP Statewide Manure Transfer Resource Concerns. It is to be used by USDA personnel in evaluating the resource issues being considered in FY 2004 and where appropriate to aid clients in determining whether their particular resource concern(s) would receive ranking points in this year's evaluation. **Maintain this record with the CCC-1200 and 1201 for documentation of the environmental benefit.**

Applicant:_____Date:_____

Location:_____

Assisted by:_____Assisting Agency: NRCS

Objectives:

1. To create an incentive to distribute animal manure to areas where it has typically not been applied.
2. To promote development of a long-term market for animal manure as a fertilizer for better distribution of the nutrients.

Eligibility:

- For **incentive payment only** (up to 3 years) for **Manure Transfer (634)** and **Nutrient Management (590)** practices**.**
- No animal waste application will be allowed within a Nutrient Limited or Scenic River watershed (see Nutrient Limited Waters and Oklahoma's Scenic Rivers maps, FOTG, Section I).
- Land unit where animal manure will be applied **must** be ≥ 10 miles from the nutrient source.
- AFO/CAFO producers (sources of animal wastes) are ineligible to participate.
- Requires self certification that applicant has not purchased or applied animal manure within the last 3 years (see below).
- Animal manure must be applied according to a current Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) and the Nutrient Management (590) practice standard within the period of the EQIP contract.
- The animal manure **must** originate and be applied in Oklahoma.
- No animal wastes may be applied on Forest, Grazed Forest, Grazed Range, &/or Native or Naturalized Pasture under these incentive payments.

1) **Origin of Animal Wastes –** Refer to Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG), Section I, Maps – Oklahoma Nutrient Limited Waters (NLW) and Oklahoma's Scenic Rivers maps	Score
a) Origin/source of animal wastes is within Spavinaw Lake, Lake Eucha, Wister Lake, Flint Creek, Upper Illinois River, Baron Fork River, Little Lee Creek, Lee Creek, or Upper Mountain Fork River watersheds. **500 points**	
b) Origin/source of animal wastes is within Great Salt Plains Lake, Hula Lake, Claremore Lake, Ft. Supply Lake, Elk City Lake, Crowder Lake, Ft. Cobb Lake, Vanderwork Lake, or Ozzie Cobb Lake watersheds. **250 points**	
c) Origin/source of animal wastes is outside a designated nutrient limited or scenic river watershed . **100 points**	

2) **Surface Water Proximity -** Allow points as measured from the edge of the field that the manure will be applied to the identified stream, wetland, or other water body. **Score all that apply**		
Distance > 500 feet to the water feature		Score
a) Perennial stream, lake, or pond	100 points	
b) Seasonal stream or wetland	75 points	
Distance > 250 feet but ≤ 500 feet to the water feature		Score
a) Perennial stream, lake, or pond	75 points	
b) Seasonal stream or wetland	50 points	
Distance ≥ 100 feet but ≤ 250 feet to the water feature		Score
a) Perennial stream, lake, or pond	50 points	
b) Seasonal stream or wetland	25 points	
Distance < 100 feet to the water feature	0 points	

3) **Land Use –** Allow points based on the land use of the fields that the animal waste will be applied. Waste application is not allowed on Forest, Grazed Forest, Grazed Range, &/or Native or Naturalized Pasture. **Score all that apply**				
a) **Cropland** – Manure will be injected or surface applied and incorporated on lands growing annual crops.	Acres (a)	x points	Total Points (a)	Score
		x 100	=	
b) **Pastureland** – Manure will be surface applied on lands dominated by introduced, perennial grasses.	Acres (b)	x points	Total Points (b)	
		x 50	=	
Score: Total Points (a) + (b) _____ ÷ Total Acres (a) + (b) _____ = _____				

Applicant Certification – I certify that I have not purchased or applied any animal manure of any type on any property currently or previously under my control in the previous three years.

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Applicant's Signature Date

Total Score [ ]