

MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD RANKING SYSTEM

I. FARMLAND QUALITY (Maximum 80 Points):

Acreage (5 Points):

- 50 acres or more = 5 points
- 25 - 49 acres = 3 points
- 10 - 24 acres = 1 point

Sub Total = _____

Soils (25 Points):

- Percent of Prime _____% x .25 = _____ points
- Percent of Statewide Importance _____% x .20 = _____ points
- Percent of Other _____% x .00 = 0 points

Sub Total = _____

Percentage of Tillable Cropland (25 Points):

- Cropland Harvested _____% x .25 = _____ points
- Cropland Pastured _____% x .10 = _____ points
- Permanent Pasture _____% x .02 = _____ points
- Other _____% x .00 = 0 points

Sub Total = _____

Boundaries and Buffers (15 Points):

- Deed Restricted Farmland _____% x .15 = _____ points
- Deed Restricted Wildlife Areas _____% x .13 = _____ points
- 8 Year Programs & EP Applications _____% x .07 = _____ points
- Farmland (Unrestricted) _____% x .05 = _____ points
- Streams & Wetlands _____% x .13 = _____ points
- Parks (limited public access) _____% x .13 = _____ points
- Parks (high use) _____% x .10 = _____ points
- Military Installations _____% x .10 = _____ points
- Highways (limited access) & RR's _____% x .10 = _____ points
- Golf Courses (public) _____% x .10 = _____ points
- Residential Development _____% x .00 = 0 points
- Other _____% x .00 = 0 points
- Cemeteries _____% x .13 = _____ points

Sub Total = _____

Density (10 Points):

- Preserved Farms Within 0.5 Miles and Application Itself = 2 points (Each)
- Applications and 8 Year Programs Within 0.5 Miles = 1 point (Each)

Sub Total = _____

II. STEWARDSHIP (Maximum 10 Points):

- Soil and Water Conservation Practices = 0-5 points
- Landowner is a Full-Time Farmer = 10 points
- On-Site Investment Indicating a Serious Commitment to Continue Farming (Permanent Structures; Nursery Stock and Irrigation Systems; Condition of Buildings) = 0-5 points

Sub Total = _____

III. LOCAL COMMITMENT (Maximum 10 Points):

- Financial Contribution for Application = 0.5 points per % of county share
- Right to Farm Ordinance Containing a Notification Clause = 3 points
- Municipality has a Farmland Preservation Plan and An Agriculture Retention/Advisory Board = 5 points
- Active Municipal Liaison to the Morris CADB = 1 point

Sub Total = _____

IV. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS/ BONUS (Maximum 25 Points):

- Preservation Will Create a New Project Area = 5 points
- Application is Part of a SADC Planning Incentive Grant = 5 points
- Historic Structures = 0-2 points
- Viewed as Very Important by the Local Community (Such as Local Farm Market or One that Serves the Community As a Community Education Resource, Pick-Your-Own Operation, Last Farm in Town) = 0-3 points
- Imminence of Change (Policy: P-4) = 0-10 points
- Easement Affordability - Percentage of County's Annual Easement Purchase Budget (up to -5 points):
 - > 50% = -5 points
 - > 40% = -4 points
 - > 30% = -3 points
 - > 20% = -2 points
 - > 10% = -1 point
 - 0 - 10% = 0 points

Participation in the 8 Year Program (0-10 Points)

- Number of Years Completed:*
- 1 Year = 3 point
 - 2 Years = 4 points
 - 3 Years = 5 points
 - 4 Years = 6 points
 - 5 Years = 7 points
 - 6 Years = 8 points
 - 7 Years = 9 points
 - 8 Years+ = 10 points

Sub Total = _____

V. EXCEPTIONS:

- One Non-Severable Exception = -0 points
- More Than One Non-Severable Exception = -5 points (Each)
- Each Severable Exception = -10 points

Sub Total = _____

TOTAL = _____