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Management Scenarios #1

Adjacent property will soon come out of the Conservation Reserve Program.

What options might the landowner consider to convert CRP land to an organic production system? How would invasive species like prickly lettuce be managed? Would burning be a management option?

The producer has an opportunity to use chicken manure from the nearby facility to meet fertilizer needs.

What considerations must be addressed before he can do so without jeopardizing his organic certification?

How could invasive blackberry around the homestead be managed?

How might wiregrass (*Ventilata dubia*) be managed organically?

How would you describe the impacts of the manure pile managed near the waterway? What approaches could be used address those impacts?

What is the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide score for the existing condition? What might the producer do to meet the target score? If habitat plantings are part of your suggestion, what plants might you consider? Are there implications to organic certification that should be addressed?

If the producer decided to develop this property which area would be best suited for housing units? Why?

What organic options does the producer have to address problems with voles? Aphids? Lygus bugs (in lentils)?

What is the highest calculated soil loss for this operation? Does this meet NRCS Quality Criteria? What options might the producer consider to reduce soil loss?

What is the lowest calculated Soil Condition Index score? Does this meet NRCS Quality Criteria? What options might the producer consider to improve this score?