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Ranking Tool Summary
for FY2015 - EQIP 2015 Wildlife Area 2 FA
(Draft)

Description:
EQIP 2015. This ranking tool is to be used when ranking EQIP 2015 Area 2 Wildlife applications.

Land Uses:
Crop, Forest, Pasture, Water

Efficiency Score:
Scoring Multiplier: 126.670
Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 70	Medium: 69 - 30	Low: 29 - 0
100-70	69-30	29-0

Optional Notes:

National Priorities:
Scoring Multiplier: 1.000
Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 250 - 175	Medium: 174 - 100	Low: 99 - 0
250-175	174-100	99-0

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250
2	a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15
2	b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10
2	c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10
2	d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	10
2	e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10
3	a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15
3	b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10
3	c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10
3	d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	10
4	a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10

4	b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10
4	c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10
4	d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10
5	a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	10
5	b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10
6	a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10
6	b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10
6	c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10
6	d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10
7	a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10
7	b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10
8	a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10
8	b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10
9	a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10
	Total Points	500

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 300 - 200	Medium: 199 - 100	Low: 99 - 0
300-200	199-100	99-0

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
	1	EQIP planned practice will be for the development of the following Conservation Activity Plans (CAP), to be developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP); 142 - Fish & Wildlife Habitat Development Plan OR 146 - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan OR 112- Prescribed Burning Plan. NOTE: an EQIP applicant requesting financial assistance for both a CAP and CPS must be considered as separate applications and ranked accordingly.	300
	2	To address the resource concern Inadequate Habitat For Fish And Wildlife – Habitat degradation, Will at least one EQIP planned practices be implemented on 30% of the natural community habitats (prairie, glade, savanna, open woodland, or bottomland forest)?	130
	3	To address the resource concern Inadequate Habitat For Fish And Wildlife – Habitat Degradation, Will at least one EQIP planned practice be implemented to provide 10% diverse, native grass, 0.1 acre per 40 acres of dense woody cover, and 10% early successional habitat/bare ground for grassland birds? All habitat elements must be planned or existing per each 40 acres on the offered tract.	70
	4	To address the resource concern Inadequate Habitat For Fish And Wildlife – Habitat degradation, Will at least one of EQIP planned practice be implemented on 30% of the non-production open land (old field) habitat on the offered tract?	60

	5	To address the resource concern Inadequate Habitat For Fish And Wildlife – Habitat degradation, Will at least one of the EQIP planned practices be implemented on 3% of the offered tract to provide beneficial habitat for native pollinators?	40
		Maximum Points: 300 Total Points	600

Local Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 350 - 200	Medium: 199 - 100	Low: 99 - 0
350-200	199-100	99-0

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
	1	EQIP planned practice will be for the development of the following Conservation Activity Plans (CAP), to be developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP); 142 - Fish & Wildlife Habitat Development Plan OR 146 - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan OR 112- Prescribed Burning Plan. NOTE: an EQIP applicant requesting financial assistance for both a CAP and CPS must be considered as separate applications and ranked accordingly.	350
	2	Will at least one EQIP planned practice be implemented to restore 50% of the natural community habitats (prairie, glade, savanna, open woodland, wetland, or bottomland forest) on the eligible acres?	42
	3	Will at least one EQIP planned practice be implemented to restore 25% of the natural community habitats (prairie, glade, savanna, open woodland, wetland, or bottomland forest) on the eligible acres?	37
	4	Will 314, Brush Managemnt, 315, Herbaceous Weed Control, be appplied to specifically address invasive/undersirable species (such as autumn olive, serecia lespedeza, cedar, fescue, smooth broom, etc) on at least 50% of the eligible acres?	42
	5	Will 314, Brush Managemnt, 315, Herbaceous Weed Control, be appplied to specifically address invasive/undersirable species (such as autumn olive, serecia lespedeza, cedar, fescue, smooth broom, etc) on at least 25% of the eligible acres?	36
	6	Will at least one of the EQIP planned practices be implemented on 3% of the acres on the offered tract(s) or at least 4 acres, whichever is less, to provide beneficial habitat for native pollinators? Minimum of 1 acre must be planned.	42
	7	Does this application include practices to address the basic habitat requirements of Bobwhite Quail on at least 75% of eligble acres?	39
	8	Does this application include practices to address the basic habitat requirements of Bobwhite Quail on at least 50% of eligble acres?	36
	9	Application includes devleopment of wetland species habitat on 25% of eligible acres?	34
	10	Will 340, Cover Crop, be implemented on at least 10 acres of cropland, up to a maximum of 40 acres, utilizing a wildlife friendly mixture?	42
		Maximum Points: 350 Total Points	700

Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:

Air Quality Impacts: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)
Fence (382)

Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure
- Brush Management (314)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)

Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Prescribed Burning Plan - Written (112)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)

Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation
- Firebreak (394)

Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter
- Access Control (472)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Field Border (386)
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written (142)
- Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written (146)
- Shallow Water Management (646)
- Structures for Wildlife (649)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Restoration (657)
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water
- Structure for Water Control (587)

Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Mulching (484)

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