

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Maine Water Use/Water Conservation

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Maine Water Use/Water Conservation		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: Is the irrigation water source subject to State of Maine low flow rules? If yes, award 100 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: Has Maine DEP established an aquatic base flow for the water body or stream providing the irrigation water AND does the current level of water use threaten those low flows? If yes, award 300 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Reference this abbreviation legend when answering the ranking elements.	
1. Abbreviation Legend: ESA=Endangered Species Act; DEP = Department of Environmental Protection; QC=Quality Criteria; T and E= Threatened and Endangered *****Do Not "Answer" this item*****	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
AWARD POINTS FOR ONLY ONE OF 3a -3f: What was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool? IF score is >60, no points will be awarded. Systems with a Irrigation Management Assessment tool score of > 60 will only be considered for funding if the answer to State Issue Question 2 is answered "Yes" (aquatic base flow has been set by Maine DEP and current level of water use threatens those low flows).	
3. b. Was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool 35-39? If yes, award 125 pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool 40-44? If yes, award 100 pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool 45-49? If yes, award 75 pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. e. Was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool 50-54? If yes, award 50 pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. f. Was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool 55-60? If yes, award 25 pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. a. Was the score from the Irrigation Management Assessment tool <35? If yes, award 150 pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Answer ranking elements 4-17 as applicable for Water Use/Water Conservation category applications ONLY:	
4. SOIL CONDITION – Organic matter depletion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. WATER QUANTITY – Insufficient flows - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: WATER QUALITY – Excessive nutrients and organics in surface water - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 100 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. PLANT CONDITION – T or E Plant species: plant species listed or proposed for listing under FEDERAL ESA - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. PLANT CONDITION - State T or E Plant species: declining species, species of concern, and/or STATE ESA species - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. ANIMALS – Fish and Wildlife – Inadequate food - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. ANIMALS – Fish and Wildlife – Inadequate cover/shelter - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. ANIMALS – Fish and Wildlife – Inadequate water - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: ANIMALS – Fish and Wildlife - T and E species: fish and wildlife species listed or proposed for listing under FEDERAL ESA - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 100 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: ANIMALS – Fish and Wildlife - State T and E species: declining species, species of concern, and/or STATE ESA species - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? If yes, award 100 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Soil Organic Matter and Carbon Sequestration. If Cropland, will soil condition index change from less than 0.5 to 0.5 or greater when contract is implemented? If yes, award 10 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: Are surface water withdrawals coming from within a watershed listed under the ESA for Atlantic Salmon? If yes, award 100 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. STATE PRIORITY ISSUE: Are surface water withdrawals coming from within a watershed listed as Essential Fish Habitat? If yes, award 100 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Does the producer agree not to use any associated water savings to bring new land, other than incidental land needed for efficient operations, under irrigated production? If yes, award 400 pts.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: