



USDA-NRCS—Salt Lake City, Utah

Air Quality-Ammonia/Poultry Shed Ranking Tool Questions and Instructions



2007-Environmental Quality
Incentives Program

Note to all users: The official Application and Evaluation Ranking
Tools and questions are located in Protracts.

NATIONAL Priority Issues

Question 1: Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?

- To claim these points, the proposed project must be expected to meet quality criteria for all applicable NRCS Water Quality criteria.

Question 2: Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?

- To claim these points, the proposed project must be expected to meet quality criteria for all applicable NRCS Water Quantity criteria.

Question 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?

- To claim these points, the proposed project must include one or more of the conservation practices on page 2.

Question 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?

- To claim these points, soil erosion must go from above T to below T as a result of the proposed project OR Quality criteria for Soil Condition; Rangeland Site Stability must be met as a result of implementing the proposed project.

Question 5: Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?

- To claim these points, the project must be expected to meet quality criteria for one or more of the four national at-risk species resource concerns. (see list, left sidebar).

STATE Priority Issues

Question 1: Is the applicant addressing noxious Species as identified by the State or County or Cooperative Weed Management Area. Contact your local weed supervisor or county agent to identify if the target species is of concern. If answered yes, these species must be addressed through the appropriate practices in the contract.

1. Does the plan address control of an invasive species identified by a state, county, or local government or by a local Cooperative Weed Management Area as being a noxious species?

Question 2: Is the planned project in an approved area wide plan as defined by the National Planning Procedures Handbook, UT Bulletin 300-7-04 and been designated as such by the Assistant for Field Operations? In order to answer yes to this question all of these REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.

2. Is this project in an area that is covered by an approved areawide plan as defined by the National Planning Procedures Handbook ?

References:

- ◆ <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/>
- ◆ EFDTG
- ◆ CPM 440—Part 512 CPC
- ◆ CPM 440-Part 515 EQIP
- ◆ National Planning Procedures Handbook
- ◆ UT Bulletin 300-07-04
- ◆ Area Agronomists
- ◆ State Agronomist

Questions on the use of the ranking tool should be directed through Area Programs Specialists to Julie Nelson, State Economist.

**National At-Risk species
Resource Concerns**

- Plant Condition; Threatened and Endangered Plant Species
- Plant Condition; T&E Plant Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern
- Fish and Wildlife; Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species
- Fish and Wildlife; T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern

LOCAL Priority Issues (7 Questions)

Answer “yes” to no more than one of the following:

Question 1: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within the limits of an incorporated city or town?

Question 2: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within 0.1 mile of an incorporated city or town?

Question 3: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within 0.5 mile of an incorporated city or town?

Question 4: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within 1 mile of an incorporated city or town?

Question 5: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within 2 miles of an incorporated city or town?

Question 6: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within 5 miles of an incorporated city or town?

Question 7: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within 30 miles of an incorporated city or town?

Access Road (560)

Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443)

Alley Cropping (311)

Irrigation Water Management (449)

Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591)

Mulching (484)

Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temperature (366)

Nutrient Management (590)

Animal Mortality Facility (316)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control (450)

Pest Management (595)

Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (370)

Prescribed Burning (338)

Closure of Waste Impoundment (360)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Composting Facility (317)

Pumping Plant (533)

Conservation Cover (327)

Range Planting (550)

Conservation Crop Rotation (328)

Recreation Area Improvement (562)

Constructed Wetland (656)

Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566)

Contour Buffer Strips (332)

Recreation Trail and Walkway (568)

Contour Farming (330)

Residue Management, Seasonal (344)

Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (331)

Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643)

Cover Crop (340)

Riparian Forest Buffer (391)

Critical Area Planting (342)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)

Cross Wind Ridges (589A)

Rock Barrier (555)

Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C)

Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)

Deep Tillage (324)

Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)

Drainage Water Management (554)

Stripcropping (585)

Feed Management (592)

Surface Roughening (609)

Field Border (386)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Filter Strip (393)

Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)

Firebreak (394)

Use Exclusion (472)

Forest Site Preparation (490)

Vegetative Barrier (601)

Forest Stand Improvement (666)

Waste Facility Cover (367)

Fuel Break (383)

Waste Storage Facility (313)

Grassed Waterway (412)

Waste Treatment Lagoon (359)

Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)

Waste Utilization (633)

Heavy Use Area Protection (561)

Wastewater Treatment Strip (635)

Hedgerow Planting (422)

Wetland Creation (658)

Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)

Wetland Enhancement (659)

Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320)

Wetland Restoration (657)

Irrigation Field Ditch (388)

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441)

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442)

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650)