

Ranking Tool Summary

for FY2013 - Local Ranking Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
	1	CONSERVATION ACTIVITY PLAN: The program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer "Yes" do not answer any other local questions. If answer "No" proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	350
	2	WATER QUALITY: Will the application result in installation of practice(s) that will exclude livestock from perennial or intermittent streams, and other water bodies, or environmentally sensitive areas such as timber or remnant prairie? (Answer yes to either question 2 or 3)	23
	3	WATER QUALITY: Will the application result in installation of practice(s) that will control access of livestock to perennial or intermittent streams and other water bodies? (Answer yes to either question 2 or 3)	15
	4	WATER QUALITY: Applicant will follow a plan to manage organic or commercial nutrients that is part of a plan or contract?	18
	5	WATER QUALITY: Is the existing feedlot that will be treated within 500 feet of a stream?	35
	6	WATER QUALITY: Is the application area predominantly located in a locally identified priority watershed and practices treat the specific resource concerns of that priority area? These are listed on the county website information page	35
	7	WATER QUALITY: Will the application result in the implementation of a CNMP involving an animal waste storage/treatment facility that the applicant has the CNMP in hand at time of sign-up?	23
	8	WATER QUALITY: Will the applicant implement a practice that disposes of animal carcasses or processes raw animal manure into biological stable materials?	23
	9	WATER QUALITY: Will practice(s) in the application result in mitigating the movement of N on the application area?	45
	10	SOIL EROSION: Is this application for the implementation of agronomic practices which control sheet and rill erosion and improves the organic matter content of the soil?	23
	11	SOIL EROSION: Is the application for practices that, when combined with other conservation practices in the applicant's conservation plan, treat the soil resource concern to the quality criteria (erosion to "T")?	15
	12	SOIL EROSION: Does the application include structural practices that control all ephemeral and actively eroding classic gullies on an entire tract? (Answer Yes to either Question 12 or 13)	23
	13	SOIL EROSION: Does the application include structural practices that control ephemeral and actively eroding classic gullies on only the application area? (Answer Yes to either Question 12 or 13)	15
	14	SOIL EROSION: Will the application result in the use of cover crops on 20% or more of their soybean or silage ground in the application area?	23
	15	DOMESTIC ANIMALS: Is the application for the development of a prescribed grazing system that will be applied with EQIP funds and at least 10% of the total pasture area will be converted from cropland?	18
	16	PLANT CONDITION: Will the application implement a pasture management system that includes 2 - 4 paddocks? (Answer yes to either 16 or 17)	15
	17	PLANT CONDITION: Will the application implement a pasture management system that includes 5 or more paddocks? (Answer yes to either 16 or 17)	23
	18	PLANT CONDITION: Does the application include adding legumes or native grasses to a pasture to improve forage quality?	23

	19	OTHER: Has the applicant been assessed cost recovery for cancelling or terminating a Farm Bill contract within the past 5 years?		-20
			Maximum Points: Total Points	725