

Ranking Tool Summary for FY2013 EQIP State Ranking Questions

State Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		The application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1.1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the State priority category.	
	1	The program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes" do not answer any other State level questions. If answer is "No" proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	300
2		NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION	
	1	NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: Will practice(s) in application treat livestock waste for an existing livestock operation with a resource concern problem identified? (Can only answer Yes to one of questions 2.1 - 2.3)	58
	2	NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: Will practice(s) in application treat livestock waste for an existing livestock operation with a resource concern problem identified, where the entire facility is relocated to a new less environmentally sensitive location? (Can only answer Yes to one of questions 2.1 - 2.3)	58
	3	NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: Will practice(s) in the application treat livestock waste for an existing livestock operation with resource concern problem identified where expansion of the livestock operation is planned? (Can only answer Yes to one of questions 2.1 - 2.3)	14
3		NON-POINT REDUCTION	
	1	NON-POINT REDUCTION: Is the application within a watershed listed in "Iowa Section 303(d) Impaired Waters Listings" or one of the following water quality approved projects: Watershed Protection Program Fund (WSPF), Water Protection Fund (WPF), EPA 319 Project, or Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (IWIRB) Fund?	14
	2	NON-POINT REDUCTION: Do the practice(s) in the application address the identified Ag related nonpoint source impairment within a TMDL, a watershed listed in "Iowa Section 303(d) Impaired Waters Listings" or one of the following water quality approved projects: Watershed Protection Program Fund (WSPF), Water Protection Fund (WPF), EPA 319 Project, or Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (IWIRB) Fund?	58
4		INVASIVE SPECIES	
	1	INVASIVE SPECIES: Does the application address an invasive species problem with pasture management or forest management?	14
5		SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION	
	1	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Will the implementation of practices in this application convert row crop acres to hayland, pastureland, forestland or wildlife acres on at least 5% of the application acres? (Must be new acres converted, not part of normal rotation.)	14

	2	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Are all expiring CRP acres and/or all pasture and hayland acres within all tracts included in this EQIP application maintained as hayland, pastureland, forestland or wildlife acres? (Maintenance of these acres as hayland, pastureland, forestland or wildlife acres must be covered in the EQIP contract.)	28
	3	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Is Soil Conditioning Index improved at least 0.3 points by applying the practices in this application? (Use predominant soil map unit.)	20
	4	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Is STIR rating improved at least 30 points by applying the practices in this application? (Use predominant soil map unit.)	22
6		AT-RISK SPECIES HABITAT PROMOTION	
	1	AT-RISK SPECIES HABITAT PROMOTION: Does the application of practice(s) in this EQIP application result in land being converted to wildlife habitat on at least 3 acres?	14
7		MEETS CSP RESOURCE CONCERN CATEGORY CRITERIA	
	1	MEETS CSP RESOURCE CONCERN CATEGORY CRITERIA: Will the practice(s) in this application meet FOTG Quality Criteria for all resource concerns within a CSP resource concern category not presently met?	58
8		CONTRACT HISTORY	
	1	CONTRACT HISTORY: Do any of the applicants of this application have an existing EQIP contract that is behind schedule (this includes any contracts that have been modified to extend the schedule)?	-28
		Maximum Points: 300 Total Points	344