

Ranking Tool Summary

for FY2013 - Local Ranking Questions:

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 Local 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 Local level questions. If answer is "No" proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	350
2		WATER QUALITY:	
	1	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? (Can only answer yes to either question 1.1 or 1.2)	25
	2	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? (Can only answer yes to either question 1.1 or 1.2)	13
	3	WATER QUALITY: Will a plan to manage organic or commercial nutrients be a part of this EQIP application?	25
	4	WATER QUALITY: Is the existing feedlot that will be treated within 500 feet of a stream?	25
	5	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	37
	6	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.	25
	7	WATER QUALITY: Does at least 50% of the application area drain into a sinkhole or an HQ or HQR stream segment?	13
3		SOIL CONDITION/SOIL EROSION:	
	1	SOIL CONDITION/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?	25
4		SOIL EROSION:	
	1	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")?	25
	2	SOIL EROSION: Does the application include structural practices that control ephemeral and actively eroding classic gullies on the entire tract? (Can only answer yes to either question 3.2 or 3.3)	37
	3	SOIL EROSION: Does the application include structural practices that control ephemeral and actively eroding classic gullies on only the application area? (Can only answer yes to either question 3.2 or 3.3)	25
	4	SOIL EROSION: Will the application include cover crops on 20% or more of their soybean or silage ground for at least two years?	25
5		DOMESTIC ANIMALS:	
	1	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.	25

6		PLANT CONDITION:	
	1	PLANT CONDITION: Will the application implement a pasture management system that includes 2 - 4 paddocks? (Can only answer yes to either question 5.1 or 5.2)	13
	2	PLANT CONDITION: Will the application implement a pasture management system that includes 5 or more paddocks? (Can only answer yes to either question 5.1 or 5.2)	25
	3	PLANT CONDITION: Does the application include adding legumes or native grasses to a pasture to improve forage quality?	13
7		OTHER:	
	1	OTHER: Does the applicant agree to construct 100% of structural practices on cropland between June 15th and October 15th?	25
	2	OTHER: Has the applicant been assessed cost recovery for cancelling or terminating a Farm Bill contract within the past 5 years?	-38
		Maximum Points: Total Points	363