

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
2011 Conservation Activity Plan**

Program: CBWI 2008	Ranking Date:
Ranking Tool: Conservation Activity Plan	
Final Ranking Score:	
Planner:	
Farm Location:	
National Priorities Addressed	
Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within special consideration river basins and/or designated CBWI priority watersheds?	Yes (O) or No (O)
1. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes (O) or No (O)
1. c. Improve control of livestock access to waters that flow to the Chesapeake Bay?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5%?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes (O) or No (O)
3. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes (O) or No (O)
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes (O) or No (O)
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce sheet and rill erosion from greater than tolerable limits (Soil “T”) to T or below T?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes (O) or No (O)
6. b. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Contract Efficiencies – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
7. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within two years of contract obligation?	Yes (O) or No (O)
7. b. Adoption of CBWI priority conservation practices or will complete an existing conservation system? (A conservation system is defined as a combination of conservation practices and resource management for the treatment of soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource concerns.)	Yes (O) or No (O)
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
8. a. Is this the applicant’s first EQIP application?	Yes (O) or No (O)
8. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes (O) or No (O)
8. c. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes (O) or No (O)
State Issues Addressed	
Issue Questions	Responses
Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Integrated Pest Management Plan (114).	
1. Will the plan address Pest Management concerns for fruits and/or specialty crops?	Yes (O) or No (O)
2. Is there an unprotected pesticide storage or mixing area within 300 feet from a water source?	Yes (O) or No (O)
3. Is the distance from treated fields to the closest residence who is not an owner, operator, or employee less than 250 feet?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Irrigation Water Management Plan (118).	

4. Is the applicant currently irrigating without an Irrigation Water Management Plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
5. Is the irrigation water source at least partially from a stream?	Yes (O) or No (O)
6. Are fruits or vegetables being raised?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Headquarters Agriculture Energy Management Plan (122).	
7. Has the applicant or NRCS run an Energy Estimator tool for the specific audit?	Yes (O) or No (O)
8. Select if the operation does NOT have Creep Heat Pads (Swine), Variable Frequency Drive Vacuum Pump (Dairy), T-8 fluorescents (Poultry), or new Air Condition units (Mushroom).	Yes (O) or No (O)
9. Does the applicant have a livestock, poultry or mushroom operation?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Landscape Agriculture Energy Management Plan (124).	
10. Has the applicant or NRCS run an Energy Estimator tool for the specific audit?	Yes (O) or No (O)
11. Does the applicant use conventional or mulch tillage on cropland?	Yes (O) or No (O)
12. Does the applicant have livestock or poultry?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose from the following 3 questions in reference to Comprehensive Air Quality Management Plan (126).	
13. Is the operation located in one of the 24 counties not meeting EPA air quality criteria?	Yes (O) or No (O)
14. Is the application for a livestock or poultry operation?	Yes (O) or No (O)
15. Does the operator conventional till his/her crop land or use mulch tillage with less than 20 percent residue cover?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Local Issues Addressed	
Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the applicant have an ag enterprise that requires making decisions of the type that will be addressed by the requested Conservation Activity Plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
2. Is the land unit proposed for the contract located in one of the 303d listed sub-watersheds that NRCS targeting due to excess sediment and nutrients?	Yes (O) or No (O)
3. Does the applicant have a current Agricultural Erosion & Sedimentation plan that meets PA Chapter 102 requirements or a current conservation plan that adequately addresses soil erosion and water quality?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Practices	
Ag Energy Mgt. Plan, Landscape Written	
Ag. Energy Mgt. Plan, HDQ Written	
Comprehensive Air Quality Management Pla	
Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte	
Irrigation Water Management Plan - Writt	