

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
OGALLALA AQUIFER INITIATIVE
APPLICATION EVALUATION RANKING TOOL—STATE AND LOCAL QUESTIONS**

State Ranking Questions—400 total points possible	2013 Points
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding result in water conservation treatment (water quality/water quantity) within a priority area identified in the OAI?	10 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in nutrient management that exceeds the minimum requirements of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Practice (CP) 590, including the use of variable rate technologies for nutrient application using computer controlled equipment that adjusts fertilizer application based on management zones or grids?	16 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in wetlands being created, restored or enhanced to allow aquifer recharge?	35 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on 100% of the total contract acres?	101 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on 75% of the total contract acres?	42 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 50% of the total contract acres?	29 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 25% of the total contract acres?	20 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 5% of the total contract acres?	14 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in conversion from a surface irrigation to a micro-irrigation system? Surface irrigation is defined as irrigation by means of a gravity distribution system (e.g., furrow, flood, graded border, level basin).	34 Point(s)

10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in conversion from a surface irrigation to a low-pressure/improved sprinkler irrigation system? Surface irrigation is defined as irrigation by means of a gravity distribution system (e.g., furrow, flood, graded border, level basin).	26 Point(s)
11. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OAI EQIP funding result in minimum 20% irrigation system efficiency improvement due to a conversion from a lower efficient irrigation system to a higher efficiency irrigation system?	8 Point(s)

Local Ranking Questions – 250 total points possible	2013 Points
1. Application includes at least one practice with a lifespan of 10 years or greater, as documented in the eFOTG.	62 Point(s)
2. Practices are scheduled to be completed within four years.	62 Point(s)
3. Participant has a conservation plan approved at least 30 days prior to the application cutoff date that addresses a primary resource concern.	62 Point(s)
4. Application was deferred from a previous funding period in the Program Contracts System (ProTracts).	64 Point(s)