

State and Local Ranking Questions

State Questions

1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative (OI) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding result in water conservation treatment (water quality/water quantity) within a priority area identified in the OI? (5 points)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI EQIP funding result in nutrient management that exceeds the minimum requirements of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Practice Standard 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? (5 points)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI EQIP funding result in wetlands being created, restored or enhanced to allow aquifer recharge? (55 points)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on 100 percent of the total contract acres? (100 points)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 50 percent of the total contract acres? (85 points)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI EQIP funding result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 5 percent of the total contract acres? (25 points)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI 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, and level basin). (20 points)

8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI 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, and level basin). (70 points)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using OI EQIP funding result in minimum 20 percent irrigation system efficiency improvement due to a conversion from a lower efficient irrigation system to a higher efficient irrigation system? (40 points)

Local Questions

1. Application includes at least one practice with a lifespan of 10 years or greater, as documented in the electronic Field Office Technical Guide. (62 points)
2. Practices are scheduled to be completed within four years. (62 points)
3. Participant has a conservation plan approved at least 30 days prior to the application cutoff date that addresses a primary resource concern. (62 points)
4. Application was deferred from a previous funding period in the Program Contracts System. (64 points)