

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
WATER QUANTITY AND DROUGHT PILOT
APPLICATION EVALUATION RANKING TOOL—STATE AND LOCAL QUESTIONS**

State Ranking Questions – 400 total points possible	2013 Points
1. Water Conservation—Irrigation—Answer all that apply (maximum of 100 points)	
1a. The conservation practice (CP) 785, Structure Sediment Removal, is planned to support water conservation on irrigated lands	50
1b. The application will result in more than 3 acre-feet of additional water storage, OR	50
1c. The application will result in 1 to 3 acre-feet of additional water storage	25
2. Water Conservation—Livestock—Answer all that apply (maximum of 125 points)	
2a. CP 758 is planned to support conservation of livestock drinking water on grazing lands	75
2b. The application will result in more than 3 acre-feet of additional water storage, OR	50
2c. The application will result in 1 to 3 acre-feet of additional water storage	25
3. Water Quality—Answer all that apply (maximum of 100 points)	
3a. The site is located in a watershed associated with an impaired water body (such as a total maximum daily load [TMDL] or 303D listed water body)	50
3b. The current water storage structure is located within 1,000 feet of a blue-line stream (stream with year-round flow)	50
3c. The current water storage structure is located within 1,000 feet of an intermittent stream (stream with seasonal flow)	25
4. Systems approach—Answer all that apply (maximum of 75 points)	
4a. The application also includes CP 342, Critical Area Planting	25
4b. The application also includes other CPs that will help reduce new sediments from entering the storage structure (such as Conservation Cover, Prescribed Grazing, etc.)	25
4c. The application includes sediment removal from more than one eligible structure.	25

Local Ranking Questions – 250 total points possible	2013 Points
1. TMDL High Priority Watershed for Nutrients, Pesticides, Dissolved Oxygen, or Total Suspended Solid. (maximum 75 points)	
1a. Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located in a High Priority TMDL for Nutrients, Pesticides, Dissolved Oxygen, or Total Suspended Solid.	75
1b. Any part of the unit of concern is located in a High Priority TMDL for Nutrients, Pesticides, Dissolved Oxygen, or Total Suspended Solid.	50
2. Kansas Water Office (KWO) Priority Federal Reservoirs (maximum 75 points)	
2a. Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located in a KWO-identified Priority 1 or Priority 2 federal reservoir watershed.	75
2b. Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located in a KWO identified Priority 3 or Priority 4 federal reservoir watershed.	50
3. Drought Monitor—Two-year average Drought Monitor condition from March 1, 2011, through March 12, 2013 (maximum of 50 points)	
3a. Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located in the two-year average Drought Monitor condition of D2—Drought Severe or D3—Drought Extreme	50
3b. Greater than or equal to 50 percent of the unit of concern is located in the two-year average Drought Monitor condition of D1—Drought Moderate	25
4. CPs are scheduled to be completed within 4 years	25
5. Application includes a CP with a lifespan of at least 10 years	25