

## *Ranking Tool Summary* for FY2013 - GHG-CIG

### State Issues:

#### Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION	
	1	NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: The application will result in the implementation of Practice Code 590 – Nutrient Management with enhancements with adaptive management test strips the applicant agrees to cooperatively share data for analysis of emission reductions on the acres enrolled in the EQIP Contract? (Can only answer Yes to one of questions 1.1 - 1.3)	100
	2	NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: The application will result in the implementation of Practice Code 590 – Nutrient Management with enhancements and the applicant agrees to cooperatively share data for analysis of emission reductions on the acres enrolled in the EQIP Contract? (Can only answer Yes to one of questions 1.1 - 1.3)	80
	3	NON-POINT REDUCTION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: The application will result in the implementation of Practice Code 590 – Nutrient Management on the acres enrolled in the EQIP Contract? (Can only answer Yes to one of questions 1.1 - 1.3)	40
2		NON-POINT REDUCTION	
	1	NON-POINT REDUCTION: Is the application within a watershed listed in "Iowa Section 303(d) Impaired Waters Listings" or one of the following water quality approved projects: Watershed Protection Program Fund (WSPF), Water Protection Fund (WPF), EPA 319 Project, or Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (IWIRB) Fund?	20
	2	NON-POINT REDUCTION: Do the practice(s) in the application address the identified Ag related nonpoint source impairment within a TMDL, a watershed listed in "Iowa Section 303(d) Impaired Waters Listings" or one of the following water quality approved projects: Watershed Protection Program Fund (WSPF), Water Protection Fund (WPF), EPA 319 Project, or Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (IWIRB) Fund?	30
	3	NON-POINT REDUCTION: Are the acres in the application not eligible for another EQIP initiative offering 590 nutrient management?	40
3		SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION	
	1	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Will the contract include implementation of Cover Crops or No-till or Strip-till or Crop Rotation with meadow on the acres enrolled in the EQIP Contract?	50
	2	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Is Soil Conditioning Index improved at least 0.3 points by applying the practices in this application? (Use predominant soil map unit.)	30
	3	SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION REDUCTION: Is STIR rating improved at least 30 points by applying the practices in this application? (Use predominant soil map unit.)	30
		Maximum Points: 300    Total Points	420

## Local Issues:

### Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		WATER QUALITY/EMISSION REDUCTION	
	1	WATER QUALITY/EMISSION REDUCTION: Applicant will follow a 590 Nutrient Management Plan to manage organic or commercial nutrients that includes enhancement options?	75
	2	WATER QUALITY/EMISSION REDUCTION: Will the application include adaptive nutrient management comparing two or more nutrient management scenarios?	60
	3	WATER QUALITY/EMISSION REDUCTION: 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	50
2		SOIL EROSION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION	
	1	SOIL EROSION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: 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")?	40
	2	SOIL EROSION/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: Will the application include cover crops on 20% or more of their soybean or silage ground for at least two years?	50
3		AIR QUALITY/EMISSIONS REDUCTION	
	1	AIR QUALITY/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: Does the application include adding legumes or native grasses to a pasture to improve forage quality?	25
	2	AIR QUALITY/EMISSIONS REDUCTION: Does the application include converting at least 10% of contract acres to Cover Crops or Forage & Biomass Planting?	50
4		OTHER	
	1	OTHER: Has the applicant been assessed cost recovery for either full or partial cancellation or termination of a Farm Bill contract within the past 5 years?	-50
		Maximum Points: 350    Total Points	300