

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
(EQIP) FISCAL YEAR 2023 (FY23)  
LIVESTOCK SCREENING WORKSHEET  
To be used for all FY23 EQIP Livestock Applications**

Applicant Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepting Applications**

Do not accept Applications from applicants that have not, as indicated by their response on their NRCS-CPA-1200 Conservation Program Application, established farm records with USDA's Farm Service Agency.

\*Applicants must apply using their legal name and the last four digits of their tax identification number. The legal name, and tax identification number, should be, in most cases, identical to the name by which they file their federal income tax returns. Assist the applicant with completing the following: AD-2047, AD-1026, CCC-941, and the appropriate Farm Operating Plan form.

**For applications that are accepted/received:**

- All signed and dated applications for which the applicant has established farm records with FSA must be immediately:
  - Date stamped; (in lieu of a date stamp, the application MUST be entered into ProTracts the same day as the received/signed by the participant;)
  - Entered into ProTracts; the Signup Date should be the same as the date stamp and,
  - Reviewed for completeness.

**Before proceeding, this statement must apply to the application:** The land offered in the application is agricultural land as defined in [440-502 Terms and Abbreviations Common to all Programs](#).

**Scope of the Application:** While the minimum unit for planning is a Planning Land Unit (PLU) - *A PLU is a unique geographic area, defined by a polygon, that has common land use and is owned, operated, or managed by the same client or clients* - Conservation planners MUST use their professional judgement in determining the Planning Area.

*A Planning Area can be the entire operating unit of the client or be an individual land unit or group of land units in which the decision has been made to initiate the planning process. An individual land unit is normally the smallest increment for planning resource management systems or practices. The planning area must be large enough to encompass the area that influences, and the area that is impacted by, the resource management system or practice being planned.. (NPPH Edition 7. 600.2 Definitions)*

*A Conservation Management Unit (CMU).—A field, CLU, group of fields, or other land units of the same land use and having similar treatment needs and planned management. A CMU, made up of one or more planning land units (PLU), has definite boundaries, such as fence, drainage, vegetation, topography, soil lines, or land use, and is used by the planner to simplify planning activities and facilitate development of management systems.*

*\*Operating Unit: Any parcels of land, whether contiguous or noncontiguous, constituting a single management unit for agricultural purposes. (An operating unit is designated as located in the county in which the principal dwelling is situated, or, if there is no dwelling thereon, it is regarded to be in the county in which the major portion of the land is located.) From 440-502 Terms and Abbreviations Common to all Programs.*

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A “Yes” to one or more of the questions below will result in the application being assigned a Low Priority. Applications assigned a Low Priority will not be ranked or considered for funding until all eligible applications with a higher priority, that address an eligible resource concern, have been ranked and considered for funding. (Unless the DC has requested, in writing, and obtained, in writing, a waiver from the EQIP Program Manager.)

- Has the applicant had a contract terminated within the last five fiscal years?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

- Does the applicant have Active contracts that are behind schedule as of October 1st 2022?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

- Does the applicant have Active OR Completed contract(s), that used Federal funding, where they have not exhibited proper Operation & Maintenance for the Practice Lifespan\*, and such findings have been documented by the field staff in the case file?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

\*Practice Lifespan: Conservation practice lifespans are established and maintained in the Conservation Practice Standards Web application. *All conservation practices established through a CPC should be maintained for the established lifespan.* Operation and maintenance (O&M) must be included for each practice with O&M requirements. This can be incorporated as part of the practice narrative or through a separate O&M plan, as necessary. The lifespan of a practice may extend beyond the length of the program contract. The practice lifespan is defined as the time period in which the conservation practices are to be used and maintained for their intended purposes, as defined by NRCS technical references.

- The land to be offered in the application, i.e., the Conservation Management Unit, has Existing (determined by visual assessment or use of the appropriate assessment tool) Water Quality resource concerns, AND, the applicant is not willing to address them in this application or other conservation program options;

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Medium Priority Determination**

All livestock applications that were not screened as a Low Priority or a High Priority will be screened as a Medium Priority.

This application is a Medium Priority

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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**High Priority – Water: Nutrients Transported to Surface Water (storage and handling of pollutants) The Water Quality Resource Concern MUST be Existing at the time of the Inventory and Evaluation**

To be considered a High Priority Application, there must be at least one “Yes” response to the questions 1 or 2 below. (Photographs are encouraged.) All other applications will be a Medium Priority or Low Priority.

**Description:** Concentrated nutrients and pathogens are lost when domestic animals have direct access to surface waters in sufficient quantities that degrade water quality and limits its use.

- 1) On the land being offered, i.e., the Conservation Management Unit, will the application, address the resource concern component – *Concentrated nutrient and pathogen surface loss from domestic animals standing in surface water* be addressed?



\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

OR

**Description:** Concentrated nutrients and pathogen effluent from domestic animal confinement (including, but not limited to, barnyard runoff, milkhouse waste and silage leachate) impact surface waters in sufficient quantities that degrade water quality and may limit its use.

- 2) On the land being offered in the application, i.e., the Conservation Management Unit, will the application include a suite of practices, that will, when implemented together, address the resource concern component - *Concentrated nutrient and pathogen effluent from domestic animal confinement, including milkhouse waste and silage leachate*?



\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

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NRCS District Conservationist    Date