

FY 2022 MARYLAND AMA SCREENING

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for each eligible applicant

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| Applicant Name: | | County: | |
| Application No: | | Field Office: | |
| Evaluator Name: | | Date: | |

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Check NRCS-CPA-1200 Application (10/2021) version is completed, signed, and dated. Ensure all applicable eligibility requirements are documented/verified prior to ranking. If it is determined the applicant or land does not meet general or program-specific eligibility requirements, NRCS must notify the applicant using the ineligibility letter in Part 530 Subpart O. 530.141B including appeal rights in exhibit 530.143M.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Applicant is identified in SCIMS or Business Partner Database, and includes Tax ID associated with application/contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Farm Records (Farm/Tract) established at USDA-FSA office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Agricultural Producer and has Control of Land – Self-certifies compliance on 1200, if applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Adjusted Gross Income – CCC-941 on file and signed (All members) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Historically Underserved/Veteran designations - Self-certifies status on 1200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Application – 1200 Completed, Signed and Dated (10/2021 version) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ProTracts Certification – All applicable eligibility requirements documented/verified (Check “Other Eligibility”) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A resource concern has been identified and conservation practices to be implemented will contribute to an improvement in the identified resource concern. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Land offered for enrollment is agricultural land and is a working component of the applicant’s agricultural and/or forestry operation. (Agricultural land – cropland, grassland, pasture or other ag land for which agricultural or forest-related products or livestock ARE produced.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Form CCC-902, “Farm Operating Plan” (and Form CCC-901 “Member’s Information”, if needed) is filed (see Nation Bulletin 300-22-5 LTP). Note: For EQIP, AMA, and CSP, the CCC-902 must be in “determined” status prior to contract obligation. |

Do not continue with Screening until all eligibility requirements above have been verified and checked. Application should remain as “Pending” until eligibility or ineligibility has been determined and documented in ProTracts.

Category 1: Prior Performance Statement – Low Priority
Select all that apply to the applicant:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | In the last 3 program years, the applicant had a contract terminated for cause. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | In the last 3 program years, the applicant failed to implement contract items as agreed to according to Form NRCS-CPA-153 for reasons within their control. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The applicant has been notified of a contract violation for reasons within their control and Form NRCS-CPA-153 has been established. (If NRCS has NOT taken appropriate contract administration action to enforce the contract, do not select) |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | In the last 3 program years, the applicant installed conservation practices with financial assistance from NRCS that have not been maintained according to the conservation practice operation and maintenance agreement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | There is a re-emergence of a resource concern due to lack of operation and maintenance on a previously implemented practice. (Excludes failed practices due to a documented design failure or natural disaster). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The applicant is applying for a conservation practice(s) for which the field staff does not hold the appropriate levels of I&E JAA and a site visit and preliminary estimate has not been completed by someone who does. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The applicant is applying for a High Tunnel (325) and does not have adequate water present. |

If any of the statements above are true, set the priority to Low and screening is complete. If none of the above Category 1 statements are selected, proceed to evaluation of Category 2.

Category 2: Resource Concerns Statements – Medium Priority
Select all criteria related to the application:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | If the application is for irrigation – the design has been started but has not been approved. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If the application is for high tunnel – the land unit being assessed currently has one or more high tunnels already installed through financial assistance or currently contracted for installation. |

If any of the statements above are true, set the priority to Medium and screening is complete. If none of the above Category 2 statements are selected, proceed to evaluation of Category 2.

Category 3: Resource Concerns Statements – High Priority
Select all criteria related to the application:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | If the application is for irrigation – the design is completed and has been approved. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If the application is for high tunnel – this is the first high tunnel to be installed through financial assistance for the assessed land unit. |

If any of the statements above are true, set the priority to High and screening is complete.

If none of the Category 2 or 3 statements are selected, the application shall be assigned a “Low” priority.

The priority determination of high, medium or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this application.

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| DC Approved: | Date Approved: |