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| **High Tunnel Ranking Questions** |
| **Applicability Question** |
| 1. Are High Tunnel System (325), Critical Area Planting (342) and Mulch (484) the only high tunnel associated practices included in the application?  HT: If participant is interested in irrigation for the high tunnel, do not rank in HT pool; rank in the Cropland pool. |
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| **Category Question** |
| 1. Is High Tunnel System (325) included in the application? HT: Critical Area Planting (342) and Mulch (484) are included in this ranking pool. |
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| **Program Questions 200 points** |
| 1. Will the products grown within the High Tunnel be supplied to schools or non-profit local community initiative as part of an established Farm to School or other local food initiative? (57 points)   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file. |
| 1. At the time of application, does the applicant have an established off-farm market for a current farm enterprise that a High Tunnel will benefit by extending the growing season or improving plant condition of a crop type consistent with the current farm enterprise? (36 points)   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file. |
| 1. On any land included in the farming operation, is the Resource Concern of Degraded Plant Condition –Plant Productivity and Health being currently addressed by an existing high tunnel? (-72 points)   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file. |
| 1. What is the distance to market for crops produced in the High Tunnel?   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file.  CGN: Distance to Market |
| 1. 25 or fewer miles. (72 points) |
| 1. >25 to 100 miles. (35 points) |
| 1. Over 100 miles. (14 points) |
| 1. Product is not marketed and sold. (0 points) |
| 1. Will the High Tunnel be implemented on cropland where, between the crop rows, permanent sod or vegetative cover exists and will be maintained? (15 points)   HT: For example, land to be enrolled under HT has a crop present in a strip tillage or reduced tillage method with the vegetative cover already in place between crop rows. That cover will be maintained. |
| 1. Is the high tunnel planned on a soil map unit that has a drainage classification of well drained, somewhat excessively drained, or excessively drained? (10 points)   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file. |
| 1. Does this application include the implementation of a mobile seasonal high tunnel that can be moved to a new footprint without disassembling? (10 points)   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file. |
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| **Resource Questions 200 points** |
| 1. Will the High Tunnel be implemented on hydrologic group A soils? (96 points)   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file. |
| 1. What is the natural current slope of the ground on which the High Tunnel will be installed?   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file.  CGN: Natural Site Slope |
| 1. Natural 0-1% slope (75 points) |
| 1. Natural >1-3% slope (42 points) |
| 1. Natural >3-5% slope (5% is the maximum slope on which a High Tunnel may be installed) (14 points) |
| 1. The natural site needs to be graded to meet the maximum allowed 5% slope (-84 points) |
| 1. What is the slope of the upslope area, within 500 feet of the ground on which the High Tunnel will be installed?   HT: Documentation must be included in the case file.  CGN: Uphill Slope |
| 1. 0-3% slope (A slope) (29 points) |
| 1. >3-8% slope (B slope) (14 points) |
| 1. >8% slope (C or greater) (-84 points) |