

AZ FY23 National Organic Transition Initiative

Applicability Question 1

Question Text	Is the applicant planning to, or currently in the process of, transitioning to organic production and self-certified as transitioning to organic production?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
	Points	
Answer 1	YES	10
Answer 2	NO	0
	Total Points	10

Statewide Category Question

Question Text	What area is the majority of the application located in?	
Answer Type	Multiple Choice	
	Points	
Answer 1	General Northern Teams: 1, 2, 3, 4	0
Answer 2	General Southern Teams: 5, 6, 7, 8	0
Answer 3	SD Northern Teams: 1, 2, 3, 4	0
Answer 4	SD Southern Teams: 5, 6, 7, 8	0
Answer 5	BFR Northern Teams: 1, 2, 3, 4	0
Answer 6	BFR Southern Teams: 5, 6, 7, 8	0
Answer 7	Tribal Northern Teams: 1, 2, 3, 4	0
Answer 8	Tribal Southern Teams: 5, 6, 7, 8	0
	Total Points	0

Statewide Ranking Question 1

Question Text	Does the application include Climate Smart Practices?	
Question hover text (Notes)	327, Conservation Cover, 328, Cons. Crop Rotation, 340, Cover Crop, 386, Field Border, 590, Nutrient Management	
Answer Type	Multiple Choice (choose one)	
	Points	
Answer 1	YES, only 1	20
Answer 2	YES, 2	35
Answer 3	YES, 3 or more	50
Answer 4	NO	0
	Total Points	50

Statewide Ranking Question 2		
Question Text	Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	
Answer Type	Geospatial	
		Points
Answer 1	YES, Source Water Protection Area	20
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	20

Statewide Ranking Question 3		
Question Text	Is the application in one of the 4 state designated urban areas (Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Prescott metro areas)	
Answer Type	Geospatial	
		Points
Answer 1	YES, Urban Metro Area	10
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	10

Statewide Ranking Question 4		
Question Text	Did the applicant self-certify as a historically underserved farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, "Conservation Program Application?" (Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher, Beginning Farmer or Rancher, Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher, or Veteran Farmer or Rancher)	
Answer Type	Multiple Choice (multiple selections)	
		Points
Answer 1	SD	10
Answer 2	BFR	10
Answer 3	LRF	10
Answer 4	VFR	10
Answer 5	None	0
	Total Points	40

Local Ranking Question 1		
Question Text	Does the EQIP schedule of operations include implementation of one soil health or enhancing practice that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc.?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	Yes	40
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	40

Local Ranking Question 2		
Question Text	Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will result in reduction of erosion?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	Yes	40
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	40

Local Ranking Question 3		
Question Text	Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminants from entering the farm?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	Yes	20
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	20

Local Ranking Question 4		
Question Text	Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, or both?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	Yes	30
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	30

Local Ranking Question 5		
Question Text	Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will improve wildlife habitat?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	Yes	30
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	30

Local Ranking Question 6		
Question Text	Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will utilize prevention, avoiding, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS), such as rotating crops to reduce pest pressure?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	Yes	30
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	30