

National Air Quality Initiative

Statewide Ranking Question 1		
Question Text	Has the application previously been deferred?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
		Points
Answer 1	YES	10
Answer 2	NO	0
	Total Points	10

Statewide Ranking Question 2		
Question Text	Does the application include Climate Smart Practices?	
Question hover text (Notes)	311, Alley Cropping, 314, Brush Management, 315, Herbaceous Weed Treatment, 317, Compostin Facility, 327, Conservation Cover, 328, Cons. Crop Rotation, 329, No Till, 332, Contour Buffer Strips, 336, Soil Carbon Amendment, 338, Prescriber Burning, 340, Cover Crop, 342, Critical Area Planting, 345, Reduced Till, 367, Roofs and Covers, 372, Combustion System Improvement, 374, Energy Efficient Ag Operation, 380, Windbreaks/Shelterbelt Est and Reno, 381, Silvopasture, 383, Fuel Break, 384, Woody Residue Treatment, 386, Field Border, 390, Riparian Herbaceous Cover, 391, Riparian Forest Buffer, 393, 412, Grassed Waterway, Filter Strips, 420, Wildlife Habitat Planting, 422, Hedgerow Planting, 430, Irrigation Pipeline, 441 Microirrigation, 442, Sprinkler System, 484, Mulching, 512, Pasture and Hay Planting, 528, Prescribed Grazing, 533, Pumping Plant, 550, Range Planting, 585, Stripcropping, 590, Nutrient Management, 592, Feed Management, 601, Vegetative Barriers, 603, Herbaceous Wind Barriers, 612, Tress/Shrub Establishment, 643, Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities, 666, Forest Stand Improvement, 670, Energy Efficient Lighting System, 672, Energy Efficient Building Envelope	
Answer Type	Multiple Choice	
		Points
Answer 1	YES, only 1	20
Answer 2	YES, 2 or 3	35
Answer 3	YES, 4 or more	50
Answer 4	NO	0
	Total Points	50

Statewide Ranking Question 3 (all ranking pools)		
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
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Statewide Ranking Question 4

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	20
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	20

Statewide Ranking Question 5

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	Yes/No	
	Points	
Answer 1	YES	20
Answer 2	NO	0
	Total Points	20

Statewide Ranking Question 6

Question Text	Is the application located within 1/2 mile of a public use area such as a school, hospital, senior center, residential area?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
	Points	
Answer 1	YES	20
Answer 2	NO	0
	Total Points	20

Pool Name	National Air Quality Initiative (NAQI)
Land Use 1	Crop
Land Use 2	Pasture
Applicability	Maricopa, Pinal, Cochise, Gila, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yuma, Graham, Greenlee, Mohave Counties

Local Ranking Question 1

Question Text	Will the application will result in annual Nox reductions greater than 1 ton per year?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
	Points	

Answer 1	Yes	25
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	25

Local Ranking Question 2		
Question Text	Will the application result in on-farm PM10 reductions greater than 75% from existing conditions?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
	Points	
Answer 1	Yes	25
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	25

Local Ranking Question 3		
Question Text	Will the application result in the implementation of 2 or more planned conservation practices on at least 75% of the offered acres?	
Answer Type	Yes/No	
	Points	
Answer 1	Yes	25
Answer 2	No	0
	Total Points	25

Local Ranking Question 4		
Question Text	Select the appropriate county location to designate if the application is located in a PM10 nonattainment or maintenance area, with regard to the EPA NAAQS PM10 designation for the area.	
Answer Type	Geospatial	
	Points	
Answer 1	Maricopa, Pinal	25
Answer 2	Cochise, Gila, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yuma	15
Answer 3	Otherwise	0
	Total Points	25

Local Ranking Question 5		
Question Text	Choose the most appropriate response regarding the location of the project with regard to EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) designations for the area.	
Answer Type	Geospatial	
	Points	
Answer 1	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone (all 3). Pinal, Maricopa	25
Answer 2	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 2 out of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone). Gila, Yuma	15

Answer 3	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 1 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone) Mohave, Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz	5
Answer 4	Otherwise	0
Total Points		25

Local Ranking Question 6

Question Text	Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the potential for the EQIP application to replace existing diesel engines used on farm	
Answer Type	Multiple Choice	
	Points	
Answer 1	The EQIP project results in replacement of one or more existing diesel engine(s) with energy efficient electric motor(s).	25
Answer 2	The EQIP project results in replacement of one existing pre-1980 diesel engine with the most current Tier-level diesel engine.	15
Answer 3	The EQIP project results in replacement of one existing 1980 or newer diesel engine with the most current Tier-level diesel engine.	5
Answer 4	Otherwise/Not Applicable	0
Total Points		25

Local Ranking Question 7

Question Text	If the EQIP application includes irrigation system improvements, please answer all of the following questions if applicable	
Answer Type	Multiple Choice	
	Points	
Answer 1	Irrigation runoff will be less than 20% and the potential for Irrigation Induced Erosion will be reduced to Low or Very Low from Moderate or greater	25
Answer 2	More than three practices will be implemented that include crop rotation, cover crops, residue and tillage management practices, nutrient management, pest management, pollinator plantings, and irrigation water management	15
Answer 3	The proposed project will include a flow measuring device and irrigation water management.	5
Answer 4	Otherwise/Not Applicable	0
Total Points		25