



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: Forestland and Wildlife FY24

Program: EQIP

Pool Status: Active

States: IL (Admin)

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat	0	35	100
Concentrated erosion	0	5	100
Degraded plant condition	0	5	100
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	5	100
Pest pressure	0	10	100
Terrestrial habitat	0	35	100
Wind and water erosion	0	5	100

Aquatic habitat			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms	0	50	100
Elevated water temperature	0	50	100

Concentrated erosion			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %

Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	30	100
Classic gully erosion	0	35	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	35	100

Degraded plant condition

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	5	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	5	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	5	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	5	100
Sediment transported to surface water	0	80	100

Pest pressure

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant pest pressure	0	100	100

Terrestrial habitat

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	0	100	100

Wind and water erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Sheet and rill erosion	0	100	100
Wind erosion	0	--	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Brush Management	314	Conservation Practices

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Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	Conservation Practices
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	Conservation Practices
Woody Residue Treatment	384	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Grazing	528	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	Conservation Practices
Shallow Water Development and Management	646	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	Conservation Practices
Wetland Enhancement	659	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	25	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	40	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	10	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: Forestland and Wildlife Illinois FY24 (Active)

 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the planning land unit (PLU) 50% or greater in Illinois?	Yes	--
	No	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Identify the land use being ranked:	Majority of application area is forest	--
	Majority of application area is not forest (such as crop, AAL, pasture, and/or farmstead)	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program-Forest Qs*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant self-certify as a Historically Underserved (HU) farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application? Note: Four groups are defined by USDA as Historically Underserved, including farmers or ranchers who are: Beginning; Socially Disadvantaged; Veterans; and Limited Resource.	YES	10
	NO	0
Has the applicant had an EQIP contract terminated in the last 3 years?	YES	-100
	NO	0
Does a planning land unit (PLU) intersect the Source Water Protection watersheds by 75% or greater?	Yes	0
	No	0

Section: Program-Not Forest Qs*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
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	NO	0
Has the applicant had an EQIP contract terminated in the last 3 years?	YES	-100
	NO	0
Does a planning land unit (PLU) intersect the Source Water Protection watersheds by 75% or greater?	Yes	0
	No	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource-Forest Qs*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Identify the current forest management plan the applicant has that is no older than 10 years: (select one)	Forest Management Plan (FMP) that was approved by IDNR or approved partner.	70
	Forest Management Plan (FMP) Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) written and/or approved by a qualified Technical Service Provider (TSP).	70
	106 Conservation Planning Activity (CPA) and 165 Design and Implementation Activity (DIA) developed by a qualified Technical Service Provider (TSP).	70
	None of the above or plan is older than 10 years.	0
Does the FMP identify a resource concern of oak regeneration in an existing oak stand(s) and the EQIP application includes the treatment of understory shade tolerant tree species, such as maple, ironwood, dogwood, etc.?	YES	50
	NO	0
Is a timber harvest identified in the Forest Management Plan (FMP)?	YES	0
	NO	0

Section: R-Yes Timber Harvest*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application and FMP include Forest Stand Improvement (666) within 5 years before or after a planned timber harvest to manipulate species and improve the stand?*	YES	40
	NO	0
Does the application and FMP include Brush Management (314) and/or Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315) within 5 years before or after a planned timber harvest to treat herbaceous and/or non-herbaceous (woody and vines) species?*	YES	40
	NO	0

Section: Resource-Not Forest Qs*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include a practice to benefit threatened or endangered species?	YES	50
	NO	0
Does the application include Wetland Restoration (657) to restore ephemeral and other fishless, semi-permanent wetlands for migratory shorebirds, waterfowl, amphibians and/or other wildlife?	YES	50
	NO	0
Does the application provide habitat for fish and/or wildlife by implementing a Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Riparian Forest Buffer (391) and/or Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)?	YES	50
	NO	0
Does the application establish or restore savanna and/or prairie habitats according to Illinois Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643)?	YES	50
	NO	0