

Ranking Pool: NY FY24 EQIP Organic Transition Initiative (OTI)

Program: EQIP States: NY (Admin) Pool Status: Active

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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 %	
Air quality emissions	0	5	100	
Aquatic habitat	0	5	100	
Concentrated erosion	0	10	100	
Degraded plant condition	0	5	100	
Field pesticide loss	0	5	100	
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	5	100	
Inefficient energy use	0	5	100	
Livestock production limitation	0	5	100	
Pest pressure	0	5	100	
Soil quality limitations	0	10	100	
Source water depletion	0	10	100	
Storage and handling of pollutants	0	10	100	
Terrestrial habitat	0	5	100	
Weather resilience	0	5	100	
Wind and water erosion	0	10	100	

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Air quality emissions			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen	0	20	100
Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs	0	20	100
Emissions of ozone precursors	0	20	100
Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors	0	20	100
Objectionable odor	0	20	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 %
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 pesticide loss			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Pesticides transported to groundwater	0	50	100
Pesticides transported to surface water	0	50	100

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss				
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %	
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	20	100	
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	20	100	
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	20	100	
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	20	100	
Sediment transported to surface water	0	20	100	

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Inefficient energy use			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities	0	50	100
Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations	0	50	100

Livestock production limitation			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	35	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	30	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	35	100

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

Soil quality limitations			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	15	100
Compaction	0	20	100
Concentration of salts or other chemicals	0	15	80
Organic matter depletion	0	20	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	20	100
Subsidence	0	10	100

Source water depletion			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	0	35	90
Inefficient irrigation water use	0	35	90
Surface water depletion	0	30	90

Storage and handling of pollutants			
Resource Concern	Default %	Max %	
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water	0	25	100

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

Weather resilience			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Drifted snow	0	20	100
Naturally available moisture use	0	20	100
Ponding and flooding	0	20	100
Seasonal high water table	0	20	100
Seeps	0	20	100

Wind and water erosion			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Sheet and rill erosion	0	50	100
Wind erosion	0	50	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Organic Management	823	Interim Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

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

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

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Section: Applicability Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the applicant planning to, or currently in the process of, transitioning to organic production and self-certified as transitioning to organic	YES	
production?	NO	

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Has the applicant self-certified their eligibility for participation in OTI by identifying their operation as Transitioning to become Certified Organic		
by the NOP on form NRCS-CPA-1200 under item 4(d)?	NO	

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant self-certify on their application form,	YES	50
NRCS-CPA-1200, that they are a Beginning Farmer?	NO	
Did the applicant self-certify on their application form,	YES	50
NRCS-CPA-1200, that they are a Limited Resource Farmer?	NO	
Did the applicant self-certify on their application form,	YES	50
NRCS-CPA-1200, that they are a Socially Disadvantaged Farmer?	NO	
Did the applicant self-certify on their application from,	YES	50
NRCS-CPA-1200, that they are a Veteran Farmer?	NO	
Has the applicant had a Farm Bill 2018 contract terminated? Termination must be fully processed in Protracts to qualify.	YES	-50
	NO	

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Section: Resource Questions			
Question	Answer Choices	Points	
	Implement one soil health practice that addresses a soil quality resource concern (e.g. soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction etc.)?	40	
	Result in reduction of erosion?	40	
Does the application include practices that will (select all that apply):	Result in the creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminants from entering the farm?	40	
	Increase habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, or both?	40	
	Utilize prevention, avoiding, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS), such as rotating crops to reduce pest pressure?	40	
	None of the above		

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