



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY25 EQIP BF Wildlife

Program EQIP

Pool Status Active

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Template EQIP General National Ranking Template - Amended October 2023

Template Status Active

Existing Practice Included Yes

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National Pool No

Include States NY (Admin)

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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat	0	35	100
Degraded plant condition	0	10	100
Pest pressure	0	10	100
Terrestrial habitat	0	45	100

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

Degraded plant condition			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %

Degraded plant condition			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	30	100
Plant structure and composition	0	70	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

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	00N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning Design	160	00N	Activities
Pest Management Conservation System Design	161	00N	Activities
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Design	144	00N	Activities
Pollinator Habitat Design	148	00N	Activities
Forest Management Practice Design	165	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil Organic Carbon Stock Monitoring	221	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	00N	Activities
Brush Management	314	03N, 00N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 00N-CRP-R, 01N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 00N-CRP-R	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	01N, 00N	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	00N	Conservation Practices


Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Hedgerow Planting	422	01N, 00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	00N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 00N-CRP-R, 01N	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	00N-CRP-R, 00N, 02N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	01N, 00N	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Shallow Water Development and Management	646	00N, 00N-CRP-R	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N, 00N-CRP-R	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	00N, 00N-CRP-R, 01N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Enhancement	659	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	01N, 00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Management Assessment	223	00N	Activities
Prescribed Grazing	528	02N, 00N	Conservation Practices
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	00N	Conservation Practices
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	00N	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	00N	Activities
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	01N, 00N	Conservation Practices
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control	400	00N	Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

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

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: FY25 EQIP BF Wildlife (Active)

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Beginning Farmer Applicability		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant self-certify as Beginning Farmer on the NRCS-CPA-1200 conservation program application AND will the planned practices improve the resource concern of Terrestrial Habitat for Wildlife and Invertebrates and/or Aquatic Habitat for Fish and Other Organisms?	YES	
	NO	

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Beginning Farmer Category*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application Located in NY?	Yes	
	Otherwise	

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Beginning Farmer Program questions*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	
	NO	
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and land included in the application has come out of CRP within the last two years?	YES	
	NO	
Will the planned practices result in the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitat for a Federal or State listed endangered or threatened species? Yes, if State or Federally listed species is found in project area and application contains practices to specifically benefit those species. Document on CPA-52 and ECS-23 as appropriate	YES	
	NO	
Using the appropriate assessment tool (WHEG, PHSI, SVAP or Working Lands for Wildlife WHEG), what is the difference between the benchmark habitat index score and the planned habitat index score? If multiple sheets are used, use the highest score. SVAP score must be divided by 10.	>0.5 increase	
	>0.4-0.5 increase	
	>0.3-0.4 increase	
	>0.2-0.3	
	0.2 or less	

Section: Beginning Farmer Program questions*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application located in either the NY Grassland Bird focus area, Monarch Butterfly focus area in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, NY Golden-winged Warbler focus area or New England Cottontail focus area, and the habitat restoration is targeted towards these species? CD Wildlife category: WLFW_Golden_Winged Warbler_ProjectBndy, NY New England Cottontail Focus Area, Grassland_Bird_Focus_A_NY, CD Category Wildlife - NY Monarch Focus Area. Documentation must support the conservation plan will benefit the identified species.	YES	
	NO	
Has the applicant had a Farm Bill 2018 contract terminated? Termination must be fully processed in Protracts to qualify	YES	
	NO	
Based on the Counties Local Working Group meeting, according to the CART results which Resource Concern(s) are not meeting planning criteria AND will be made to improve the resource concern with the implementation of this application? select all that apply	The application will improve the county local working groups number 1 priority	
	The application will improve the county local working groups number 2 priority	
	The application will improve the county local working groups number 3 priority	
	NA, county did not select priority resource concerns OR county listed all resource concerns as priorities OR resource concerns being improved is not a local working group priority	

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Beginning Farmer Resource*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are there permanent buildings or paved roads greater than or equal to 2 lanes present within 1,000 feet of the planned practices?	YES	
	NO	
Does the project site consist of less than 10% invasive species by area? Documentation must support presence of <10% invasive species	YES	
	NO	
Is the project establishing native grassland, wetland, pollinator, or forest (includes shrubland) habitat, benefitting Climate Smart Ag and/or Forestry? At least one practice in the application is planned to establish a new seeding/planting.	YES	
	NO	
If establishing or managing grassland, wetland, or pollinator habitat, has the site been in row crops within the last two growing seasons?	YES	
	NO	
If creating young forest (shrubland) habitat, does the project site contain a mix of non-hydric and hydric soils OR does the site contain a riparian area (wetland, intermittent or perennial stream, lake) that will be managed for declining wildlife? If Not Applicable, select No. Documentation must include soils or stream/wetland maps to support this answer.	YES	
	NO	
Will the proposed project create wildlife habitat in mature forest by increasing native plant structure, large woody debris AND den or snag trees?	YES	
	NO	

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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