Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY2026 NJ Central
Program EQIP
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National Pool No
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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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	5	100
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	5	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	100
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	5	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	5	100
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	10	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	10	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	10	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	100
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	--	100
Water (Source water depletion)	0	10	100

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	10	100
Water (Weather resilience)	0	--	100

Air (Air quality emissions)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Objectionable odor)	0	20	100

Animals (Aquatic habitat)

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

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

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

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

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

Energy (Inefficient energy use)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities)	0	50	100
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations)	0	50	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Fire management)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wildfire Hazard (Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation)	0	100	100

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

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

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	0	--	100
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Subsidence)	0	10	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	50	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	20	100

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

Water (Salt losses to water)			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Water Quality (Salts transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Salts transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Source water depletion)			
Resource Concern	**Min %**	**Default %**	**Max %**
Water Quantity (Groundwater depletion)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	30	100

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

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

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	101	00N	Activities

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Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	102	00N	Activities
Forest Management Plan	106	00N	Activities
Grazing Management Plan	110	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management Plan	116	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Design	120	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition	138	00N	Activities
Transition to Organic Design	140	00N	Activities
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Design	144	00N	Activities
Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written	146	00N	CAPs
Pollinator Habitat Design	148	00N	Activities
Nutrient Management Design and Implementation Activity	157	00N	Activities
Feed Management Design	158	00N	Activities
Grazing Management Design	159	00N	Activities
Prescribed Burning Design	160	00N	Activities
Pest Management Conservation System Design	161	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management System Design	162	00N	Activities
Irrigation Water Management Design	163	00N	Activities
Improved Management of Drainage Water Design	164	00N	Activities
Forest Management Practice Design	165	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan	199	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-Data Collection and Evaluation	201	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-System Installation	202	00N	Activities
Adaptive Management for Soil Health	204	00N	Activities
Feed and Forage Analysis	206	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	00N	Activities
Prescribed Grazing Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity	219	00N	Activities
Soil Organic Carbon Stock Monitoring	221	00N	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	00N	Activities
Forest Management Assessment	223	00N	Activities
Aquifer Flow Test	224	00N	Activities
Waste Facility Site Suitability and Feasibility Assessment	226	00N	Activities
Evaluation of Existing Waste Storage Facility Components	227	00N	Activities

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities
Agrichemical Handling Facility	309	00N	Conservation Practices
Alley Cropping	311	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Storage Facility	313	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Animal Mortality Facility	316	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Composting Facility	317	00N, 01N, 03N	Conservation Practices
On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility	319	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Canal or Lateral	320	00N	Conservation Practices
Deep Tillage	324	00N	Conservation Practices
High Tunnel System	325	00N	Conservation Practices
Clearing and Snagging	326	00N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	329	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Contour Farming	330	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Buffer Strips	332	00N	Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Controlled Traffic Farming	334	00N	Conservation Practices
Soil Carbon Amendment	336	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	00N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345	00N	Conservation Practices
Dam, Diversion	348	00N	Conservation Practices

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Sediment Basin	350	00N	Conservation Practices
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Monitoring Well	353	00N	Conservation Practices
Groundwater Testing	355	00N	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment Lagoon	359	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Facility Closure	360	00N	Conservation Practices
Diversion	362	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Anaerobic Digester	366	00N	Conservation Practices
Roofs and Covers	367	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Emergency Animal Mortality Management	368	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Air Filtration and Scrubbing	371	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N	Conservation Practices
Combustion System Improvement	372	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces	373	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	374	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Dust Management for Pen Surfaces	375	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Field Operations Emissions Reduction	376	00N	Conservation Practices
Pond	378	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Farming	379	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	00N	Conservation Practices
Silvopasture	381	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Fuel Break	383	00N	Conservation Practices
Woody Residue Treatment	384	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Field Ditch	388	00N	Conservation Practices

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Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	00N	Conservation Practices
Aquaculture Pond	397	00N	Conservation Practices
Fish Raceway or Tank	398	00N	Conservation Practices
Fishpond Management	399	00N	Conservation Practices
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control	400	00N	Conservation Practices
Dam	402	00N	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	00N	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Hillside Ditch	423	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Ditch Lining	428	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Pipeline	430	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Dry Hydrant	432	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Reservoir	436	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Sprinkler System	442	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	443	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery	447	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control	455	00N	Conservation Practices
Land Clearing	460	00N	Conservation Practices

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Precision Land Forming and Smoothing	462	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Land Leveling	464	00N	Conservation Practices
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	00N	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	00N	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	520	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner	521	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete	522	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Sinkhole Treatment	527	00N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	548	00N	Conservation Practices
Range Planting	550	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Rock Wall Terrace	555	00N	Conservation Practices
Row Arrangement	557	00N	Conservation Practices
Roof Runoff Structure	558	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Access Road	560	00N	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	00N	Conservation Practices
Stormwater Runoff Control	570	00N	Conservation Practices
Spoil Disposal	572	00N	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Trails and Walkways	575	00N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Shelter Structure	576	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Open Channel	582	00N	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	00N	Conservation Practices
Stripcropping	585	00N	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	591	00N	Conservation Practices
Feed Management	592	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Terrace	600	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetative Barrier	601	00N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Wind Barriers	603	00N	Conservation Practices
Saturated Buffer	604	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Denitrifying Bioreactor	605	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Subsurface Drain	606	00N	Conservation Practices
Surface Drain, Field Ditch	607	00N	Conservation Practices
Surface Drain, Main or Lateral	608	00N	Conservation Practices
Salinity and Sodic Soil Management	610	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Underground Outlet	620	00N	Conservation Practices
Phosphorous Removal System	624	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment	629	00N	Conservation Practices
Vertical Drain	630	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Waste Separation Facility	632	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Recycling	633	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Transfer	634	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetated Treatment Area	635	00N	Conservation Practices
Water Harvesting Catchment	636	00N	Conservation Practices
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638	00N	Conservation Practices
Waterspreading	640	00N	Conservation Practices
Water Well	642	00N	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Seasonal Water Management for Wildlife	646	00N	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	00N	Conservation Practices
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	00N	Conservation Practices
Constructed Wetland	656	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Creation	658	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Enhancement	659	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Lighting System	670	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Water Treatment Facility	724	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Lime	805	00N	Interim Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Annual Forages for Grazing Systems	810	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Raised Beds	812	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Low Tunnel Systems	821	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Nonruminant Livestock Outdoor Management of Vegetative Cover	822	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Interim Conservation Practices
Organic Management	823	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Site Preparation	828	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
TA Planning	910	00N	TSP Codes
TA Design	911	00N	TSP Codes
TA Application	912	00N	TSP Codes
TA Check-Out	913	00N	TSP Codes

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	50	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	15	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Question		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Is this application located in the Central Area?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Question

Section: Category Question		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Select all the applicable Categories for which this application will be considered	Livestock	--
	LWG	--
	Air Quality/Energy	--
	Forestry/Wildlife	--
	Aquaculture	--
	Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BFR)	--
	Socially Disadvantage Farmer/Rancher (SDFR)	--
	Reserve 1	--
	Reserve 2	--
	Disaster	--
	N/A	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: State Programs Questions		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Is the land permanently deed restricted for agriculture through the NJ Farmland Preservation Program or any other state/local/private program?	The entire area under contract is permanently deed restricted for agriculture through the NJ Farmland Preservation Program or any other state/local/private program.	10
	A part of the land under contract is permanently deed restricted for agriculture through the NJ Farmland Preservation Program or any other state/local/private program.	5
	None of the above	0

Section: State Programs Questions		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
From the following resource concerns identified during the inventory process, select all that will be improved through practices proposed in this application.	Water Quality - Point source contamination	20
	Water Quality - Non-point source contamination	20
	Soil (Concentrated erosion or wind and water erosion)	20
	Soil (Soil quality limitation)	20
	Animal (Livestock production limitation)	15
	Plant (Degraded plant condition)	15
	Air Quality (Emission of Particular Matter, NO3)	15
	Water (Inefficient irrigation water use)	10
	Animal (Terrestrial habitat - wildlife/invertebrates)	10
	Energy (Inefficient Energy Use)	10
	None of the Above	0
Are 50% or greater of the acres included in this contract located in a NJ Source Water Protection Priority Area?	Yes	20
	Otherwise	0
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)? *	YES	10
	NO	0
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?*	YES	5
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resources Questions*		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Livestock - For applications that include planned waste storage practices. This question will deduct points if the operation has implemented effective waste storage practices prior to this application (with or without NRCS assistance). Consider the amount of waste generated under planned Animal Units. What percentage of the operation's waste is already adequately handled?*	0-50% of waste is adequately handled	10
	50-75% of waste is adequately handled	5
	75-100% of waste is adequately handled	-30
	Not Applicable	0
Livestock - What is the severity of the point source water contamination issue, to be addressed through planned practices? *	The issue is 0-100ft from a water source OR direct continuity to a water source	10
	The issue is 101-200 ft from a water source OR >20 AU's have water source access	7
	The issue is 201-300 ft from a water source OR 10-20 AU's have water source access	5
	The issue is 301-400 ft from a water source OR 0-10 AU's have water source access	3
	The issue is 400+ ft from a water source OR a point source contamination issue will not be addressed	0

Section: Resources Questions*		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Livestock - How does the application address point source contamination of water quality? *	The waste storage capacity of the operation is to be enhanced by at least 50% using 313-Waste Storage Falicity or 561-Heavy Use Area Protection.	6
	Animals with regular access to a water body are to be excluded through planned practices. Examples of applicable practices include 472-Access Control (exclusion fence), 382-Fence (exclusion), 528-Grazing Management, or 578-Stream Crossing.	6
	An existing waste storage facility poses an active resource concern and is to be decommissioned	6
	N/A. The issue occurs over 400 ft from a water body. It cannot be considered point source contamination	0
Livestock - Consider all EXISTING erosion related resource concerns on a) PLU's with livestock access and b) PLU's on which manure will be spread as per the CNMP. How will the erosion related resources concern will be addressed?*	All erosion related resource concerns will be addressed in the application	5
	Some erosion related resource concerns will be addressed in the application	3
	Erosion exists in PLU's but will not be addressed in the application.	-5
	No erosion in PLUs.	0
Livestock - If Livestock Production Limitation was selected as a resource concern, will the applicant implement a 528-Grazing Management system? If so, what percentage of the yearly intake requirement for the operation will be supplied by forages once the grazing plan is implemented?*	50-100%	5
	40-50%	3
	35-40% OR part of a parasite management plan	2
	Below 35% OR 528 will not be implemented or Not Applicable	0
LWG - Is there a classic or ephemeral gully RC which will be resolved through the planned conservation practices?*	Yes, the planned practices will ensure that the producer remains in HEL compliance	20
	Yes, the planned practices are not necessary to ensure that the producer remains in HEL compliance	10
	No practices planned to address classic or ephemeral gully RC or Not Applicable.	0
LWG - Will this application include practices that address Water Quality Resource Concerns? 393 Filter Strip, 309 Agrichemical Handling Facility, 590 Nutrient Management, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 329-No Till, 330-Contour Farming, 345-Reduced Till, 340-Cover Crop, 317-Composting Facility, 823-Organic Management, 595 Pest Management*	Application includes 4 or more practices	10
	Application includes 3 practices	5
	Application includes 2 practices	3
	Application includes 1 practice	2
	None of the above	0
LWG - Will this application include practices that address Soil Health and/or Soil Erosion Resource Concerns? 386 Field Border, 342 Critical Area Planting, 362 Diversion, 412 Grassed Waterway, 468 Lined Waterway or Outlet, 484 Mulching, 600 Terrace, 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin, 410 Grade Stabilization Structure, 587 Structure for Water Control*	Application includes 3 or more listed practices	10
	Application includes 2 listed practices	5
	Application includes 1 listed practice	2
	None of the above	0

Section: Resources Questions*		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
LWG - Will the contract include practices from the Avoid, Control, Trap list? Select all that apply. For vegetative practices, the practice must be planned on the majority of fields for points to be awarded. For engineering/structural practices, points can still be awarded if practice is only planned on a single field. *	Yes to Avoid	3
	Yes to Control	2
	Yes to Trap	1
	Not applicable	0
LWG - Propose Irrigation System select one*	The primary irrigation system on the proposed field is a traveling gun or solid set system and will be converted to a microirrigation system.	9
	The primary irrigation system on the proposed field is a traveling gun or solid set system and will be converted to a center pivot or linear move system	7
	A center pivot's impact sprinklers (high pressure) are to be converted to low flow, low pressure nozzles	5
	Replacing expired lifespan pivot with new pivot or expired microirrigation with new microirrigation	3
	Second high efficiency system will be installed	1
	Not Applicable	0
LWG - If the producer has applied for implementation of a high tunnel, which scenario is most fitting?*	The producer currently grows crops that would benefit from season extension and HAS NOT received financial assistance for high tunnel installation in the past 5 years	5
	The producer currently grows crops that would benefit from season extension and HAS received financial assistance for high tunnel installation in the past 5 years	3
	The producer does not currently grow crops that would benefit from season extension OR Not Applicable.	0
Air Quality/Energy - Which sources of air pollutant emissions are being reduced through implementation of this contract? Select all that apply*	Emissions from Field Operations	6
	Emissions from Diesel Engines	3
	N/A	0
Air Quality/Energy - Will precision agricultural techniques be applied according to Conservation Practice Standards: (376) Field Operations Emissions Reduction, (590) Nutrient Management, or (595) Pest Management Conservation System?*	YES	6
	NO	0
Air Quality/Energy - Will the following practices be installed to control drift of emissions: (603) Herbaceous Wind Barriers, (380) Windbreak and Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation, (376) Field Operations Emissions Reduction, 329-No Till, 345-Reduced Till.*	YES	6
	NO	0
Air Quality/Energy - Are conservation practices planned on assessment PLUs identified for implementation in an active conservation activity plan, CEMA 228 - Agricultural Energy Assessment or DIA 120 - Agricultural Energy Design Plan, developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP) or by NRCS staff?*	YES	5
	NO	0

Section: Resources Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Forestry-Wildlife - Will implementation of planned practices result in an increase in the WHEG score? Subtract the Benchmark Habitat Index from the Planned Habitat Index*	Improvement in WHEG score is between (.8) and (.9)	10
	Improvement in WHEG score is between (.5) and (.7)	7
	Improvement in WHEG score is between (.3) and (.4)	4
	Improvement in WHEG score is between (0) and (.2)	1
	Not Applicable	0
Forestry-Wildlife - What is the highest-level fisheries resource benefit of this project*	Brook Trout/Migratory Fish	2
	Trout Production	1
	Trout Maintenance or Warm Water Fish Species	1
	None of the above or Not Applicable.	0
Forestry-Wildlife - How will the application address Plant Condition? (answer all that apply)*	The contract results in the control of noxious and invasive species	1
	The proposed contract increases plant species to benefit pollinators	1
	The proposed contract results in an increased diversity of species by planting native species (herbaceous and/or woody vegetation) or treatments that facilitate natural native regeneration.	1
	The proposed contract includes 338-Prescribed Burning.	1
	The proposed contract results in appropriate tree stocking for this forest by using 666-Forest Stand Improvement activities to improve residual tree vigor and health	3
	The proposed contract results in the implementation of a pest or disease suppression plan	1
	None of the above or Not Applicable.	0
Forestry-Wildlife - Utilizing the CHANJ project tool, will practices be implemented within the contracted area to improve habitat for species identified?*	Area is identified as a "Stepping Stone" (yellow)	3
	Area is identified as a "Corridor" (tan)	2
	Area is identified as a "Core" (green)	1
	None of the above (white) or Not Applicable	0
Forestry-Wildlife - Will practices be implemented to improve habitat for at risk, threatened, or endangered species? If so, the species of interest should be documented in the Landscape Project or through a confirmed NJDEP occurrence. What is the corresponding Landscape Project Ranking on the PLU for these species?*	The area to be contracted has a Landscape Project Ranking of 4 or 5	2
	The area to be contracted has a Landscape Project Ranking of 3 or 2	1
	The area to be contracted has a Landscape Project Ranking of 1 OR no ranking OR Not Applicable	0

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Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Aquaculture - How will the wildlife habitat be impacted by this project?*	The project includes oyster reef restoration in an area NOT leased for commercial aquaculture.	10
	Project involves relocating the operation from a high-risk area (for red knot) to a lower risk area?	5
	The implementation of this project will address wildlife resource concerns through implementation of 643-Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats-Oyster Rack Spacing for Wildlife Movement.	4
	None of the above	0
Aquaculture - What practices will this project include that address water quality issues?*	Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control (400)	4
	Heavy Use Area Protection (561)	3
	Vegetated treatment area (635)	3
	Fish Raceway and Tank (398)	3
	Constructed Wetland (656)	3
	None of the above	0
Aquaculture - Will implementation of this project address Soil Erosion by implementing Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)?*	YES	4
	NO	0
BFR - Does the applicant selected BFR in the NRCS-CPS-1200?*	YES	1
	NO	0
SDFR - Does the applicant selected SDRF in the NRCS-CPS-1200?*	YES	1
	NO	0
General - Is the application for wildlife practices within a NJ Wildlife Management Area?	YES	-150
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

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