

Fiscal Year 2017 EQIP
Beginning Farmer Ranking Questions

State Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
1		Crop Questions Only
	1	Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had a prior year EQIP contract which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? Do not answer this question if the contract was cancelled due to lack of TSP availability to complete the CAP plan.
	3	Will this application include one of the following practice; (328, 329, 334, 340, 345, 346, 554, and/or 590)?
	4	Does the applicant have a grid, management zone, or a field that exceeds 150 Lbs/Acres of P (Bray P1 Soil Test) and the producer is addressing water quality?
	5	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement a Basic Level of the Nutrient Management (590) on all contracted acres for three (3) consecutive years? -OR-
	6	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement a Enhanced Level of the Nutrient Management (590) on all contracted acres for three (3) consecutive years?
	7	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to convert to Residue Management (329) (No Till/Strip Till) on all contracted acres for three (3) consecutive years?
	8	Will this application utilize EQIP funds implement Controlled Traffic Farming (334)?

	9	Will this EQIP contract result in at least one field improving its SCI score from a negative or 0 SCI to a positive SCI?
	10	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a buffer strip practice that will help improve water quality?
	11	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install a Grassed Waterway (412) or Water and Sediment Control Basin (638) practice that will help improve Ephemeral Gullies?
	12	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Conservation Cover (327)?
	13	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Cover Crops (340) after low residue crops?
	14	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Structure for Water Control (587) and/or managed Drainage Water Management (554)?
	15	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Integrated Pest Management (595)?
	16	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Irrigation Water Management (449) and/or Irrigation System, Micro-irrigation (441)?
2		Forest Questions Only
	1	Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had a prior year EQIP contract which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years?
	2	This EQIP application will result in the implementation of practice(s) in the existing approved FMP?
	3	Will this application include one of the following practice, (314, 315, 484, 490, 612, 649, and/or 666)?
	4	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to control Buckthorn, Bush Honeysuckle, Kudzu, and/or Tree of Heaven? -OR- (Note: If yes, do not answer question #5 below)

	5	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to control undesirable Grape Vine or other species listed on the FY 2016 Forestry Invasive Plant Species List?
	6	Will this application include acres (forested) located adjacent to a protected land (See GIS)?
	7	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Forest Stand Improvement-Crop Tree Release (666)?
	8	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Structure for Wildlife (649)?
	9	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Tree and Shrub Establishment (612), Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490), or Mulching (484)?
	10	Has the participant completed any practice(s) identified in his/her Woodland Stewardship and/or Forest Management Plan (106)?
3		Pasture Questions Only
	1	Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had a prior year EQIP contract which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years?
	3	Will this application include one of the following practice, (314, 315, 382, 511, 512, 528, 560, 561 and/or 614)?
	4	Will this application increase the "Livestock Concentration Areas" score on the Pasture Condition Score Sheet by one point or more? (If they have No Pasture Condition Score Sheet answer No)
	5	Will this application increase the "Plant Cover" score on the Pasture Condition Score Sheet by one point or more? (If they have No Pasture Condition Score Sheet answer No)
	6	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Prescribed Grazing (528)?

	7	Cropland acres will be converted to permanent pasture land Forage and Biomass Planting (512)? (Note: Change in production system must meet all the criteria identified in 515.81 4.i)
	8	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to address unmanaged runoff from the winter feeding location? Such as 393, 472, 561, 365, 635, etc...
	9	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to exclude livestock from streams and/or woodland?
	10	Noxious or Invasive species has been identified in the grazing operation and they will be addressed as part of this contract? (See attached FY 2016 Noxious and Invasive Plant Species List)
	11	Will adequate Watering Facilities (614) will be installed throughout the grazing area?
	12	The EQIP plan include the installation of an adequate Watering Facility (614) within 100 ft of the heavy use pad used for winter feeding?
4		Livestock (Farmstead) Questions Only
	1	Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had a prior year EQIP contract which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years?
	2	The EQIP application will result in the implementation of practice(s) in the existing approved CNMP?
	3	Will this EQIP application include one of the following practice, (313, 317, 367, 561, and/or 558)?
	4	This EQIP application will result in all fields receiving manure at TRI-State Fertility Guide Rates (NP&K: Agronomic Levels)?
	5	Will this EQIP application include conservation practice(s) that results in a change in management that will allow additional windows of manure application during the growing season?

	6	The EQIP application includes funds for the implementation of Cover Crops (340) on low residue crops?
	7	The livestock facility is within 300 feet of a stream or water body and contaminated runoff is not being controlled but will be as part of this contract? (Perennial or intermittent as identified on the USGS Topographic Map)
	8	Does the application have a practice(s) to address milk house waste and/or silage leachate? Such as 313, 356, 632, 634, 635, etc....
	9	Current nutrient application method are subject preferential flow or discharge to drainage systems or waterways and practice in CNMP will resolve issues?
	10	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Structure for Water Control (587) and/or managed Drainage Water Management (554)?

Local Questions:

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1		Crop Questions Only
	1	Will this application increase water quality by installing Agrichemical Handling Facility (309) or Conservation Crop Rotation (328)?
	2	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to address gully erosion by implementing a Blind Inlet (620), WASCOB (638), Grassed Waterway (412), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Lined Waterway or Outlet (468), and/or Diversion (362)?
	3	Will the participant be implementing an "Enhanced" level of Nutrient Management (590) to improve water quality on all contracted acres for three (3) consecutive years?

	4	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to convert to Residue Management (329) (No Till, Strip Till) on all contracted acres for three (3) consecutive years?
2		Forest Questions Only
	1	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to (s) address Degraded Plant Condition - Excessive Plant Pest Pressure by controlling invasive plants identified on the FY 2016 Invasive Species List?
	2	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to install Tree Planting (612) to replace tree losses due to weather, insects or disease and/or increase wildlife habitat?
	3	Will the application utilize EQIP funds to implement Brush Management (314) or Herbaceous Weed Control (315) to address invasive species in woodlands?
	4	Will the application utilize EQIP funds to implement Forest Stand Improvement (666) for Crop Tree Release or Thinning to improve the plant condition according to their Forest Stewardship/Management Plan?
3		Pasture Questions Only
	1	Does the EQIP plan have noxious and/or invasive plants present & is the producer willing to implement Brush Management (314) or Herbaceous Weed Control (315)?
	2	The grazing system includes one or more watering system practices Watering Facility(614), Pond (378), Water Well (642), Pipeline (516), Spring Development (574) and/or Pumping Plant (533) to address inadequate water supply?
	3	This application includes a Prescribed Grazing System (528) which will be implemented with a short duration grazing system of 7 days or less on each paddock (Medium Intensity or above)?

	4	Will livestock be excluded from environmentally sensitive areas (riparian areas, wetland, perennial/intermittent streams and woodlots) by implementing Fence (382) Access Control (472) or Stream Crossing (578)?
4		Livestock (Farmstead) Questions Only
	1	Does the producer have an approved current CNMP and will install a Waste Storage Facility (313)?
	2	Does the current livestock operation have a direct discharge and practices in the application will address this resource concern?
	3	Is there roof or rain water contributing to manure runoff which will be addressed by practice(s) in this application?
	4	Is Animal Mortality (316) being addressed by practices in this application? (316 and any associated practices)