

**ENVIRONMENT QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2017
MONARCH BUTTERFLY RANKING QUESTIONS**

State Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
1		Based on the NRCS "Midwest Butterfly Habitat Ranking Index" map, the project area is located in the following priority areas (select only one):
	1	a. High (highest priority per the map)
	1	b. Medium (2nd highest priority)
	1	c. Low (3rd highest priority)
2		National conservation practices in the project area include:
	2a	a. Planting mix includes two or more species of milkweed (<i>Asclepias</i> spp)
	2b	b. Planting mix includes one species of milkweed
	2c	c. Management of existing habitat will increase existing milkweed and floral resources
3		Proximity to existing monarch habitat (i.e., natural areas, CRP, prairies, or protected easements). Select only one:
	3a	a. Protected areas are located immediately adjacent to project area
	3b	b. Protected areas are located within 0.5 miles of project area
	3c	c. Nonprotected natural area is within 0.5 miles of project area

Local Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
	1	Is at least 30% of the seeding mix composed of species rated "Very High" on the Midwest Monarch Planting List?

	2	Will the contract include at least one of the following practices: Conservation Cover (327), Field Border (386) or Riparian herbaceous Cover (390)?
	3	Will the installed practice(s) be immediately adjacent to existing high quality monarch butterfly habitat and serve to connect this habitat to other high quality habitat?