

**FY17 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
WILDLIFE RANKING QUESTIONS**

State Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
1		If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.
	1	If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the statel priority category.
2		Only one focus area out of the four can be selected. Maps of the focus areas are contained in the Wildlife 5% subaccount guidance. This applies to questions 2,3,4, and 5.
	2	Is the application located in one of the Prairie Depressional Wetland focus area and contains 1 or more of the following practices? 314,327,643,644,645,657,658 and 659. See the map in the attached guidance for the location of counties in this focus area.
	3	Is the application located in one of the Grand River Watershed focus area and contains 1 or more of the following practices? 327,612,643,644,657,658 and 659. See the map in the attached guidance for the location of counties in this focus area.
	4	Is the application located in one of the Southwest Ohio Quail focus area and contains 1 or more of the following practices? 327,386,645,649,and 666. See the map in the attached guidance for the location of counties in this focus area.
	5	Is the application located in one of the Wild Turkey focus area and contains 1 or more of the following practices? 327,645,647,649, and 666. See the map in the attached guidance for the location of counties in this focus area.
3		Applies to all
	6	Is the application on land currently being cropped?
	7	Will the project restore or enhance a unique habitat such as a bog, fen, riparian, wooded vernal pool, or savanna?

	8	Will the size of the project area be adequate to benefit the targeted species?
	9	Will the practices installed through this application benefit federally listed threatened and endangered species?
	10	Will the project involve the control of invasive plant species for the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitat?

Local Issues:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
	1	If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the Local priority category.
	2	Does the application contain 1 to 3 of the following practices (327,390,391,396,422,472,580,643,644,645,646,647,657,658,659)?
	3	Does the application contain more than 3 of the following practices (327,390,391,396,422,472,580,643,644,645,646,647,657,658,659)?
	4	Is the application on land that is contiguous with other protected, high quality habitat excluding lakes and streams?
	5	Will the practices installed on the project area benefit state listed endangered (but not federally listed) wildlife species?
	6	Is the application on land contiguous to a wetland, lake or stream?