



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Fiscal Year 2017 Screening Worksheet
Southwest Team LWG Fund Codes**

Southwest Team LWG PASTURE Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet		
<u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u>		
Applicant Name:	Date:	
Evaluator Name:	Application Number:	
SCREENING PRIORITY		
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranking based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application cutoff periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application cutoff period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant. Rank only the High screened applications.</p>		
YES	NO	SCREENING QUESTIONS
<i>If Yes, continue to the next question</i>	<i>If No, LOW Priority status in ProTracts</i>	<i>Mark YES or NO over on the left</i>
		The applicant's EQIP Schedule of Operations will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before the ranking deadline.
		The project treats a priority SWT LWG resource concern.
		The applicant completed any existing contracts between 2014 and 2016 on schedule, or delays were caused by NRCS (Yes if N/A)
		The applicant did NOT have an NRCS contract terminated in fiscal years 2014-2016 .
YES	NO	SCREENING QUESTIONS



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<i>If Yes, continue to the next question</i>	<i>If No,</i>	<i>Mark YES or NO over on the left</i>
		Application has a priority resource concern AND meets the criteria required to be determined a High priority application
YES	NO	SCREENING QUESTIONS
<i>If Yes, High Priority status in ProTracts.</i>	<i>If no, MEDIUM status in ProTracts</i>	<i>Application treats one of the following priority resource concerns and to the level described Only answer the ones the Schedule of Operations addresses, write "N/A" in the others.</i>
		Application treats the resource concern Degraded Plant Condition, Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health to quality criteria
		Application treats the resource concern Water Quality Degradation, Excess Nutrients in Surface and Groundwater or Excess sediment in surface water and applicant is implementing components of an approved CNMP if one is required by EQIP.
		Application treats the resource concern Water Quality Degradation, Excess Nutrients in Surface and Groundwater or Excess sediment in Surface Water and applicant with a waste storage pond has had a pond evaluation completed if one is needed.
		Application treats WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters in pastureland by installing a buffer.
		Application treats WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters in pasture or farmstead by excluding animals from surface water.
		Application Screening Priority: (Write this on the front of the sheet too)
District Conservationist Approval Signature:		