



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Fiscal Year 2019
Screening Worksheet High Tunnel System Initiative Fund Pool**

A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

Applicant Name:	Date: ___/___/18
Evaluator Name:	Application Number: 74054619
Fund Pool: FY19 High Tunnels <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> East	Sign-Up Number: 19-1
<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 or 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> <p>PS325 High Tunnel System hold down is \$15,000.</p>	
<p>If Yes, Low Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, continue to priority-based screening factors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant had a NRCS contract terminated or cancelled –and/or, • Applicant has current contract not on schedule not due to NRCS error or delay – and/or, • Applicant has received NRCS-CPA-153 on an active contract that is still out of compliance and/or • Applicant does not fit high screened criteria.
<p>If Yes, High Priority status in ProTracts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant is currently producing marketable vegetable, flowers, or fruit crops on the land where the high tunnel is proposed for installation and will be a first time adopter.
Application Screening Priority:	
District Conservationist Approval Signature & Date:	