

# Division III EQIP Prioritization Tool

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**Applicable Fund Codes:** Dry Cropland Divisions 3; Division III Range-Pasture-Grazed Forest

## Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____	County: _____
Application Number: _____	Field Office: _____
Evaluator: _____	Date: _____

## Screening to be completed

1. Has the applicant had a NRCS contract either cancelled or terminated for reasons within their control in the last 3 years, OR do they have a contract that is in the process of being cancelled or terminated for reasons within their control?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
		<input type="checkbox"/>	No - Proceed to Next Question
2. Does the applicant have an active contract in non-compliance for reasons within their control?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
		<input type="checkbox"/>	No - Proceed to Next Question
3. Has the applicant returned all of the requested materials (planning packet, soil analysis, etc.)?		<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Proceed to Next Question
4. The application will address at least one of the top four Local Work Group priority resource concerns?		<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Medium Priority - Record in ProTracts
List the top 4 LWG Resource Concern(s) check the one(s) to be addressed.	1. Water Quality Degradation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	2. Soil Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Proceed to Next Question
	3. Degraded Plant Condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	4. Soil Quality Degradation	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Division Screening Questions

5. Will the proposed project negatively impact any stream, riparian area, or wetland?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
		<input type="checkbox"/>	No, High Priority - Proceed with planning. The items listed below must be completed prior to ranking.

## The following items must be completed prior to ranking

1. Resource assessment documenting the selected planning alternative and/or documented in CPA-52
2. Resource Inventory Checklist and/or documented in CPA-52
3. Required Tools
4. Preliminary Engineering Reports where needed
5. Tract Map with offered acres
6. Application cost estimate.

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**Applicable Fund Codes:** Division III Irrigated Cropland-Irrigated Hay; Division III Irrigated Pasture

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Application Number: _____	Field Office: _____
Evaluator: _____	Date: _____

## Screening to be completed prior to Ranking

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No - Proceed to Next Question
2. Does the applicant have an active contract in non-compliance for reasons within their control?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No - Proceed to Next Question
3. Has the applicant returned all of the requested materials (planning packet, soil analysis, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Proceed to Next Question
4. The application will address at least one of the top four Local Work Group priority resource concerns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Medium Priority - Record in ProTracts
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	2. Soil Erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Degraded Plant Condition	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Soil Quality Degradation	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Yes, Proceed to Next Question

### Division Screening Questions

#### Irrigated Cropland and Irrigated Pasture

5. Will the proposed project negatively impact any of the top four Local Work Group priority resource concerns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Proceed to Next Question
6. Will the proposed project negatively impact any stream, riparian area, or wetland?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Low Priority - Record in ProTracts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Proceed to Next Question
8. Will the proposed project result in a screening priority score that is more than <b>99 for Irrigated Cropland</b> or more than <b>99 for Irrigated Pasture</b> ? Screening Priority Score calculated below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, Medium Priority - Record in ProTracts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, High Priority - Proceed with planning. The items listed below must be completed prior to ranking.

**Screening Priority Score** - Give one point (1) for each item that applies to the proposed project. Weighting factors should be used to calculate the final score.

	Points	Weight	Score
Includes conversion from a surface irrigation system to a sprinkler or drip irrigation system.	1	37	

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The plan will increase soil organic matter through residue management or cover crop		17	
The property is surface irrigated cropland with slopes exceeding 2% & includes a row crop. (only applies if irrigation induced erosion will be treated)		30	
Includes conservation practices that benefit Species of Concern/Candidate Species/T&E Species.		58	
The planned practices will improve streambank and/or riparian areas.		32	
The planned practices include range and/or pasture seeding.		32	
The planned practices will improve food, cover, shelter, or water for wildlife and/or drinking water for livestock.		27	
The project will implement structural practices on irrigated pasture that will enhance the system and keep it flooded.		32	
The planned practices will improve irrigation efficiency.		32	
The planned practices help provide control of noxious or invasive weeds.		26	
The land unit is classified as HEL, and the planned practices will reduce soil erosion rates (only applies to cropland)		36	
The planned practices will result in the reduction of groundwater nitrates in a Nitrate Priority Area. ArcMap Layer - F:\geodata\project_data\nrcs\Water Quality2012\IDEQ_Nitrate_Priority_Areas_2014		17	
The project is located in a Drinking Water Protection Area and will improve groundwater quality. F:\Geodata\project_data\nrcs\WaterQuality2008\sourceWater Delineations_id_ideq		17	
The project discharges directly into a TMDL/303d listed water body or into a major drain that discharges directly into a TMDL/303d listed water body and treats a listed impairment.		27	
One or more of the following practices is being applied:			
	# of Practices	<b>Check only one box</b>	
1. Cover Crop	1	17	
2. Residue Management	2	34	
3. Conservation Crop Rotation	3	51	
4. Forage and Biomass Planting			
5. Prescribed Grazing			

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6. Conservation Cover	4		68	
7. Hedgerow\Windbreak\Tree and Shrub	5+		85	
			<b>Total Score</b>	

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