

South Carolina NRCS Workload Prioritization Tool for FY2021 EQIP

Each application in the following funding pools will be prioritized based on the categories below: All Area Accounts (Crop, Pasture, Forest, Animal Waste), Socially Disadvantaged Farmer, New/Beginning Farmer, Soil Health Initiative, Specialty Crops, Seasonal High Tunnel.
 The most limiting statement will be selected from each category. All four categories will be calculated to determine the application priority.
 All HIGH applications will be ranked and funded first, then MEDIUM, then LOW as funds are available.

Prioritization Category: Prior Performance
Statement -
Not Applicable
The applicant does NOT have a <u>current, active</u> contract (applicant is new or applicant has completed all previous contracts)
The applicant has an existing contract(s) and the contract(s) is on schedule
The applicant has an active 2017 or older contract
The applicant has had one or more contracts terminated within the last 3 years (N/A if an adverse decision is under appeal)
The applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain practices (withing the practice lifespan) previously installed with program assistance which has resulted in the re-emergence of a resource concern

Select the Prioritization level to assign to this statement
N/A
Medium
Medium
Low
Low
Low

Prioritization Category: Geographic Area
Statement -
Not Applicable
The application is located in a South Carolina Source Water Protection Geographic Area
Urban High Tunnels located in the city limits of: Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville, Myrtle Beach, Spartanburg and Sumter ONLY

Select the Prioritization level to assign to this statement
N/A
High
High

Prioritization Category: Priority Resource Concerns
Priority Resource Concerns: SOIL QUALITY (SOIL HEALTH), WATER QUALITY, SOIL EROSION Secondary Resource Concerns: FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT, WATER QUANTITY, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION LIMITATION *Select only ONE resource concern per practice
The application addresses TWO or MORE <u>priority</u> resource concerns OR ONE priority RC and a High Tunnel
The resource concern identified is being addressed by the installation of a Seasonal High Tunnel
The application addresses ONE <u>priority</u> resource concern
The application addresses <u>only secondary</u> resource concerns
NO <u>priority</u> or <u>secondary</u> resource concern will be addressed

Select the Prioritization level to assign to this statement
High
Medium
Medium
Medium
Medium

Prioritization Category: Practices
Statement
None of the statements below apply to this application
The land unit(s) to be assessed has one or more NRCS Seasonal High Tunnels installed or currently contracted for the operation
The land unit(s) to be assessed has been clearcut, is majority 0% to 2% slope, and will be reforested with Loblolly Pine.
The land to be offered in the application has EXISTING Water Quality resource concerns, AND, the applicant is unwilling to install the practices needed to address them in this application or other conservation program options

Select the Prioritization level to assign to this statement
High
Medium
Low
Low