

Beginning Farmer/Rancher Fund Accounts

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

BEGINNING FARMER/RANCHER
SCREENING CRITERIA WORKSHEET

A screening worksheet will be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

<p>Instructions: Complete a screening worksheet for each eligible producer applying for assistance in this fund account. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) will be recorded in ProTracts application priority. A copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p>	
<p>Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for each eligible EQIP applicant</p>	
Applicant Name:	County:
Application No (optional):	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date:
<p>Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select and circle one:</p>	
<p>High Priority Category: The applicant is a Veteran Farmer or Rancher (VFR). The term "Veteran Farmer or Rancher" means a producer who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the reserve component thereof; was released from service under conditions other than dishonorable; and: a) has not operated a farm or ranch, or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years; or b) who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period.</p> <p>A legal entity or joint operation can be a Veteran Farmer or Rancher only if all individual members independently qualify. The applicant self-certified on Form NRCS-CPA-1200, "Conservation Program Application" as VFR and BFR.</p>	<p>High Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p>Medium Priority Category: All other eligible applicants.</p>	<p>Medium Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p>Low Priority Category: Not Applicable.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>The priority determination of high, medium, or low will be recorded in ProTracts application priority for this applicant.</p>	
District Conservationist Approval:	Date: