

FY2021 EQIP Beginning Farmer or Rancher

BFR Applicability Question

1. Did the applicant self-certify as a beginning farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application?

BFR Category Question

1. Is the land included in the application, located primarily in the state of Massachusetts?
 - a. Massachusetts
 - b. Otherwise

BFR Program Questions

1. Is the land included in the application located within the MA Source Water Protection Area?
 - a. Source Water Protection Area
 - b. Otherwise
2. Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?
3. Will this application facilitate local food production marketed within what specified radius from the operation?
 - a. Less than 50 miles
 - b. 50 to 100 miles
 - c. More than 100 miles
4. Do practices in the application benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern?
 - a. Federally listed species
 - b. State listed species
 - c. Species of Conservation Concern
 - d. Otherwise
5. Is the applicant a covered producer participating in the CRP TIP and NRCS is evaluating the assessment during the two year period covered by the CRP 1R?

BFR Resource Questions

1. Will the proposed project improve the water quality of any of the following:
 - a. 303D listed waters (within ¼ mile buffer)
 - b. Drinking Water: Surface Water Zones A or B, Ground Water Zone 2, and/or IWPA (within areas)
 - c. Other Water (within 300 feet upstream from streams, surface water, designated shellfish growing areas, aquifers, wells)
 - d. Otherwise
2. Does the application included practices to address resource concerns associated with insufficient feed, forage, or stock water?
3. Will on-farm water consumption be reduced through the implementation of irrigation practices?
4. Will practices included in this application benefit honeybee populations or other pollinators?
5. Does the application include a High Tunnel System (325)?
6. Will the High Tunnel System (325) be installed on soils classified as Hydrologic Soil Group A or B?
7. Will the High Tunnel System (325) be installed on land with a ground slope of 0-3%?

BFR Practices

Access Control (472)
Access Road (560)
Agrichemical Handling Facility (309)
Agricultural Energy Design Plan (136)
Agricultural Energy Management Plan (128)
Animal Mortality Facility (316)
Aquatic Organism Passage (396)
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control (400)
Brush Management (314)
Channel Bed Stabilization (584)
Clearing and Snagging (326)

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Composting Facility (317)
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102)
Conservation Cover (327)
Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138)
Contour Buffer Strips (332)
Contour Farming (330)
Cover Crop (340)
Critical Area Planting (342)
Deep Tillage (324)
Dike (356)
Diversion (362)
Drainage Water Management Plan (130)
Early Successional Habitat Development (647)
Emergency Animal Mortality Management (368)
Energy Efficient Building Envelope (672)
Farmstead Energy Improvement (374)
Feed Management Plan (108)
Fence (382)
Field Border (386)
Filter Strip (393)
Firebreak (394)
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan (142)
Fish Raceway or Tank (398)
Fishpond Management (399)
Forage Harvest Management (511)
Forest Management Plan (106)
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Forest Trails and Landings (655)
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
Grassed Waterway (412)
Grazing Management Plan (110)
Groundwater Testing (355)
Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)
High Tunnel System (325)
Integrated Pest Management Plan (114)
IPM Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan (154)
Irrigation Pipeline (430)
Irrigation Reservoir (436)
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441)
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443)
Irrigation Water Management (449)
Irrigation Water Management Plan (118)
Land Smoothing (466)
Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)
Livestock Pipeline (516)
Mulching (484)
Nutrient Management (590)
Nutrient Management Plan (104)
Obstruction Removal (500)
Open Channel (582)
Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
Pest Management Conservation System (595)
Pollinator Habitat Plan (146)
Pond (378)
Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner (521)

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Prescribed Burning (338)
Prescribed Burning Plan (112)
Prescribed Grazing (528)
Pumping Plant (533)
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329)
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (643)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654)
Roof Runoff Structure (558)
Roofs and Covers (367)
Sediment Basin (350)
Silvopasture (381)
Soil Carbon Amendment (808)
Soil Health Management Plan (116)
Soil Testing (216)
Spring Development (574)
Sprinkler System (442)
Stormwater Runoff Control (570)
Stream Crossing (578)
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
Stripcropping (585)
Structure for Water Control (587)
Structures for Wildlife (649)
Subsurface Drain (606)
Terrace (600)
Trails and Walkways (575)
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
Underground Outlet (620)
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
Vegetated Treatment Area (635)
Waste Facility Closure (360)
Waste Separation Facility (632)
Waste Storage Facility (313)
Waste Transfer (634)
Waste Treatment (629)
Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)
Water Well (642)
Watering Facility (614)
Well Decommissioning (351)
Wetland Enhancement (659)
Wetland Restoration (657)
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
Wildlife Habitat Planting (420)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)
Woody Residue Treatment (384)

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BFR Priority Resource Concerns/Resource Concern Categories
Aquatic Habitat
Concentrated Erosion
Degraded Plant Condition
Field Pesticide Loss
Field Sediment, Nutrient, and Pathogen Loss
Livestock Production Limitation
Pest Pressure
Soil Quality Limitations
Weather Resilience
Wind and Water Erosion