

CONNECTICUT NRCS FY
2021 RANKING POOL
EQIP: AFOCAFO

Land Use	Ranking Weights	
	Factors	Weight in Ranking Pool
Crop		
Farmstead	Vulnerability	10%
Pasture	Planned Practice Effects	15%
Assoc. Ag land	Resource Priorities	50%
	Program Priorities	15%
	Efficiencies	10%

Practices
All CT FY21 EQIP Practices

Resource Concerns Categories and Weighted Vulnerability Consideration	
Resource Concern Category	%
Air quality emissions	10
Aquatic habitat	2
Concentrated erosion	10
Degraded plant condition	5
Field pesticide loss	5
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	5
Inefficient energy use	2
Pest pressure	5
Salt losses to water	2
Soil quality limitations	5
Source water depletion	5
Storage and handling of pollutants	35
Terrestrial habitat	2
Weather resilience	2
Wind and water erosion	5

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Question Type	Question Text	Choices	Points	Total Possible Points	Condition
Applicability	Is the majority of the land to be enrolled in Connecticut?	Yes No	N/A	N/A	
Category	Are the PLUs farmstead and/or cropland or associated ag land	Yes No	N/A	N/A	
Program Questions	Is the applicant currently in compliance with all existing contracts or will this be the first contract for the applicant?	Yes No - participant has current CPA-153	50 -50	50	
	Has the applicant had any contract terminations within their control?	Yes No - no terminations for cause N/A -- no prior contracts completed	-50 25 0	25	
	Is the applicant following all Operation and Maintenance for all practices that are still within their lifespan on any existing contract?	Yes No N/A --1st contract, or all practices are beyond their lifespan	25 -25 0	25	
	Does the farm routinely test their soil (every 3-5 years)?	Yes No N/A	50 0 0	50	
	Will other Federal, State or Local financial resources be leveraged to assist with the implementation of this project?	Yes No	50 0	50	
	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area	Yes No	NA	0	
TOTAL POSSIBLE PROGRAM POINTS (20% of Total Score)				200	

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Resource Questions	Are there currently direct point-source discharges from the planned land units to surface water, and will planned practices eliminate all of these discharges?	<p>Yes - The planned practices will eliminate all direct point-source discharges from the planned land units</p> <p>No - there are direct point-source discharges, and not all will be eliminated</p> <p>N/A - there are no direct point-source discharges</p>	30	-30	0	30	
	Animal Waste: The practices in the schedule of operations will capture and contain agricultural waste from the operation with:	<p>7 - 12 months storage capacity</p> <p>6 months storage capacity</p> <p>N/A - practices will not include waste storage</p>	40	10	0	40	
	Animal Waste: The practices in the schedule of operations will	<p>Treat or store ALL agricultural waste generated on the operation for at least 6 months</p> <p>Treat or store (at least) all manures within a single animal group (milkers, heifers, calves, goats, horses, etc) for at least 6 months - but not All agricultural waste produced on the operation</p> <p>N/A -practices will not include waste storage</p>	30	15	0	30	
	A typical animal or dairy farmstead has the following sources of nutrients: Barnyard, Milkhouse, Feed Storage Areas, Manure, Animal Mortalities. Practices in the schedule of operation will reduce nutrient movement from:	<p>3 or more sources of nutrients</p> <p>2 sources of nutrients</p> <p>1 source of nutrients</p> <p>N/A - no source of nutrients will be addressed in schedule of operations</p>	30	15	5	0	30
	In the Schedule of Operations, stormwater management practices will be implemented to	<p>Prevent stormwater from entering/interacting with point sources of nutrients (barnyard, milkhouse, feed storage, manure, or mortality areas)</p> <p>Control erosion on the land unit(s)</p> <p>Stormwater is identified in the CNMP, but will not be addressed in the schedule of operations</p> <p>N/A - stormwater is not identified in the CNMP, and no stormwater practices are planned</p>	10	10	-20	0	20

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Resource Questions	Will the practices in the application include one or more soil quality or enhancing practice(s) that address soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc. as part of a Soil Health System?	More than 2 practices 2 practices 1 practice N/A -soil health not an identified resource concern	25 10 5 0	25	
	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area and does the schedule of operations contain practices that address Water Quality or Water Quantity?	Yes No N/A - land is not in SWP area	25 0 0	25	program question re. Source Water
TOTAL POSSIBLE RESOURCE POINTS (20% of Total Score)				200	