

CONNECTICUT NRCS FY
2021 RANKING POOL
EQIP: Forestry

Land Use
Forest
Farmstead
Associated Ag land

Ranking Weights	
Factors	Weight in Ranking Pool
Vulnerability	10%
Planned Practice Effects	15%
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	2
Aquatic habitat	12
Concentrated erosion	5
Degraded plant condition	20
Field pesticide loss	2
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	2
Fire management	5
Inefficient energy use	2
Livestock production limitation	2
Pest pressure	10
Soil quality limitations	2
Source water depletion	2
Storage and handling of pollutants	2
Terrestrial habitat	20
Weather resilience	7
Wind and water erosion	5

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Question Type	Section	Question Text	Choices	Points	Total Possible Points	Condition	Land Uses
Applicability	n/a	Is the majority of the land to be enrolled in Connecticut?	Yes No	N/A	N/A		All
Category	n/a	Are the PLUs forestland and/or farmstead/associated ag land that is associated with forested acres.	Yes No	N/A	N/A		All
Program Questions	n/a	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		All
	n/a	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		
	n/a	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		All
	n/a	Will the application address Wildlife Habitat by implementing Core wildlife practices?	Yes No	50 0	50		All
	n/a	Will other Federal, State or Local financial resources be leveraged to assist with the implementation of this project?	Yes No	50 0	50		All
	n/a	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area?	Yes No	NA	0		All
TOTAL POSSIBLE PROGRAM POINTS (20% of Total Score)					200		
Resource Questions	Forest	Will the practices in the application address Forest Health through thinning (666) to meet objectives identified in FMP?	Yes No N/A -- stand not overstocked	25 0 0	25		Forest AAL
	Forest	Will the practices in the application address ALL invasive species identified in the participant's forest management plan where the plan identifies the potential for successful control and/or containment?	Yes No N/A --no invasive plants identified or control not feasible	20 0 0	20		Forest AAL

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Resource Questions	Forest	Will the practices in the application restore sensitive areas by relocating poorly sited roads or trails using 655 Forest Trails and Landings AND 654 Road, Trail, Landing Closure?	Yes No N/A -- no poorly sited roads/trails identified in FMP	5 0 0	5		Forest AAL
	Forest	Will the practices in the application result in an increase in diversity of forest age classes and forest structure, such as creating small patch cuts or group selection within the stand(s)?	Yes No	25 0	25		All
	Forest	Does the Schedule of Operations include structures for wildlife such as brush piles, nest boxes and/or bat boxes?	Yes No	15 0	15		All
	Forest	If large patch cuts or shelterwood cuts are planned, does the FMP call out the retention of reserve trees within the boundary of the cut to provide a seed source and increase stand diversity and complexity over time?	Yes No N/A - No large patch cut or shelterwood planned	25 0 0	25		All
	Forest	Will practices in the application favor tree species likely to increase in abundance as a result of climate change? Are the practices increasing the resilience and/or adaptation of the forest stand to climate changes?	Yes No	15 0	15		All
	All Land Uses	Will the practices in this contract directly benefit threatened or endangered species according to results obtained from the CT-DEEP Natural Diversity Database?	Yes No	30 0	30		All
	All Land Uses	Does the Schedule of Operations include planting practices that will add native wildlife beneficial plant species?	Yes No	15 0	15		All
	All Land Uses	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	All
TOTAL POSSIBLE RESOURCE POINTS (20% of Total Score)					200		