

**Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) – Zone 2  
Beginning Farmer/Rancher Fund Code  
Screening Criteria Worksheet –FY 2016**

A Screening Worksheet is required to be completed for each eligible EQIP application being considered in the Zone 2 BF/R fund category.

**Instructions:**

This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP Zone 2 BF/R fund code. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, cutoff dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are efficiently allocated to address the priorities of BF/R producers in Zone 2, which are Inadequate Livestock Water and Invasive Species.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits or approval of an EQIP contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. If any funding is left in any of the 3 categories due to lack of applications the money can be moved to one of the other priorities until the money is exhausted.

**Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet- Complete for each eligible EQIP Applicant**

Applicant Name:		
Application Number:		
Evaluator Name:		Date:

**Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:**

<p><b>High Priority Category:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application will address the resource concern of Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Water <u>only</u>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>High Priority</b> Status in ProTracts</p>
<p><b>Medium Priority Category:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application will address the resource concern of Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure <u>only</u>. Invasive plants will be reduced to levels consistent with the historic site condition. Noxious plants will be controlled to acceptable levels. Noxious weeds to be controlled include: Musk, Scotch and Canada Thistle Invasive Species include: Sericea Lespedeza, Blackberry, Multiflora Rose, Bois D’Arc, Honey Locust, Eastern Red Cedar and Winged Elm.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Medium Priority</b> Status in ProTracts</p>
<p><b>Low Priority Category:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The application will address’s any other resource concerns present in the offered agricultural operation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Low Priority</b> Status in ProTracts</p>

D.C. Signature for Approval		Date Approved:	
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