

Organic Initiative
2015 Kentucky Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Application Field Ranking Worksheet

Applicant Name:

Application #:

Eligible Practices

Code	Practice Name	Resource Concern (s)	Planned Amount	Tract/Field
472	Access Control			
316	Animal Mortality Facility			
314	Brush Management			
317	Composting Facility			
327	Conservation Cover			
328	Conservation Crop Rotation			
138	Conservation Plan Supporting Organic			
332	Contour Buffer Strips			
330	Contour Farming			
340	Cover Crop			
342	Critical Area Planting			
362	Diversion			
382	Fence			
386	Field Border			
393	Filter Strip			
394	Firebreak			
512	Forage and Biomass Planting			
410	Grade Stabilization Structure			
412	Grassed Waterway			
561	Heavy Use Area Protection			
422	Hedgerow Planting			
315	Herbaceous Weed Control			
595	Integrated Pest Management			
441	Irrigation System, Micro irrigation			
449	Irrigation Water Management			
516	Livestock Pipeline			
484	Mulching			
590	Nutrient Management			
104	Nutrient Management Plan			
378	Pond			
338	Prescribed Burning			
528	Prescribed Grazing			
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed			
345	Residue and Tillage Management,			
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover			
558	Roof Runoff Structure			
367	Roofs and Covers			
557	Row Arrangement			
798	Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops			
574	Spring Development			
578	Stream Crossing			
585	Stripcropping			
606	Subsurface Drain			
600	Terrace			
575	Trails and Walkways			
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment			
620	Underground Outlet			
642	Water Well			
614	Watering Facility			

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Eligible Resource Concerns

ID#	Resource Concern
1	Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure
2	Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition
3	Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health
4	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter
5	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food
6	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)
7	Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water
8	Insufficient Water: Inefficient Moisture Management
9	Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage
10	Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Shelter
11	Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Water
12	Soil Erosion: Classic Gully Erosion
13	Soil Erosion: Ephemeral Gully Erosion
14	Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion
15	Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels
16	Soil Quality Degradation: Compaction
17	Soil Quality Degradation: Organic Matter Depletion
18	Soil Quality Degradation: Subsidence
19	Water Quality Degradation: Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Groundwater
20	Water Quality Degradation: Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water
21	Water Quality Degradation: Excessive Sediment in Surface Water
22	Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater
23	Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Surface water
24	Water Quality Degradation: Pesticides in Groundwater
25	Water Quality Degradation: Pesticides in Surface Water
26	Water Quality Degradation: Petroleum, Heavy Metals and Other Pollutants Transported to Groundwater
27	Water Quality Degradation: Petroleum, Heavy Metals and Other Pollutants Transported to Surface Water

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National Questions

1	If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.		
1a	Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes	No
2	Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)		
2a	Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes	No
2b	Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes	No
2c	Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes	No
2d	Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired" water body?	Yes	No
2e	Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management? (Yes, if Animal Mortality Facility (316) is planned)	Yes	No
3	Water Conservation - Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)		
3a	Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft? (NO)		No
3b	Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use? (Yes, if implementing practices identified in a certified Irrigation Water Management Plan (118)	Yes	No
3c	Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? (NO)		No
3d	Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations? (Yes, if implementing practices identified in a certified Irrigation Water Management Plan (118)	Yes	No
4	Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)		
4a	Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? (NO)		No
4b	Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)? (NO)		No
4c	Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO ₂), Methane (CH ₄), and Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O)? (Yes only for Organic Certified or Transitioning to Organic)	Yes	No
4d	Implementing practices that increase carbon sequestration?(Yes if planning 612, 666, 422, 380, 381, or native grass 327, 512, 386, 390, 643, or 391)	Yes	No

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5	Soil Health - Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)		
5a	Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?(Field must be above "T" and practice(s) takes to "T" or below. Must be supported with RUSLE2)	Yes	No
5b	Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure? (Yes, when Cover Crop 340 is included for Soil Health)	Yes	No
6	Wildlife Habitat - Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)		
6a	Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern?(Refer to NRCS T&E Species by County list and Practice Effects Document located in Section II of eFOTG. Also, Yes if Forest Stand Imp 666 or Brush Mgt 314 is planned in the Forestland Bird Conservation Area or when the following are planned in the Grassland Bird Conservation Area - Conservation Cover, Field Border, Hedgerow Planting, Tree/Shrub Est-Shrub planting only, and points may be awarded when native grasses are used for a Riparian Herb Cover or Forage and Biomass Planting.)	Yes	No
6b	Implementing practices that retain wildlife habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program? (Examples would be 612, 327, 386, and 390 when wildlife beneficial vegetation is being planned)	Yes	No
6c	Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators? (Yes, if native forbs or shrubs/trees are being established, or if 643, 390, 666, or 314 is planned)	Yes	No
6d	Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife? (Yes, if 658 is planned)	Yes	No
7	Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities? (select all that apply)		
7a	Implementing practices that result in the management control or noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland? (Yes if practice(s) help treat invasive plant species on list located at http://www.se-eppc.org/ky/list.htm . Ex: 666 and 314 that address bush honeysuckle or tree of heaven or 512 that converts endophyte infected tall fescue.)	Yes	No
7b	Implementing practices in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes	No
8	Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project reduce energy by: (select all that apply)		
8a	Reduce on-farm energy consumption? (Yes, if 472, 327, 386, 390, 412, 422, 329, 380, 391, 381, or 612 is planned. Also, yes when Fence 382 is planned that includes a solar charger or if 512 is planned to convert cropland to pastureland or hayland.)	Yes	No
8b	Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meets ASABE S612 criteria? (Yes, when Farmstead Energy Imp 374 is planned)	Yes	No
9	Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:		
9a	Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation system already in place at time the application is received? (Answer Yes if the planned practices will improve an existing conservation practice or complete an existing conservation system. See Guidance Document for examples)	Yes	No

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State Questions

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1a	Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes	No
2	Soil Quality Degradation:		
2a	Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of one soil quality or enhancing practice that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc.?	Yes	No
3	Soil Erosion:		
3a	Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will result in reduction of erosion?	Yes	No
4	Water Quality Degradation:		
4a	EQIP Schedule of operations includes implementation of practices for the management of noxious and invasive species ONLY on "non-cropland" acreage?	Yes	No
4b	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practice 590 Nutrient management for management of soil fertility, plant nutrients, and soil amendments?	Yes	No
5	Degraded Plant Habitat:		
5a	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminants from entering farm?	Yes	No
5b	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators and/or beneficial insects?	Yes	No
5c	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices that will increase habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, or both?	Yes	No
6	Insufficient Water:		
6a	Practices scheduled in the EQIP Schedule of Operations will improve the efficiency of an existing irrigation system, conserve soil moisture or both?	Yes	No
7	Livestock Production Limitation		
7a	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices to improve management of plant species, livestock, residues, feed, and other identified resource needs?	Yes	No
7b	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices that limit and manage domestic livestock access to streams, creeks, and other natural water bodies?	Yes	No
7c	EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices to assure adequate domestic livestock drinking water sources (not to include streams) are available in the treatment unit?	Yes	No

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Local Questions

1	If the application is for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local level questions.		
1a	Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138) or Nutrient Management Plan (104)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes	No
2	Answer "Yes" or "No" for the following questions (Answer "Yes" to one or the other, but not both):		
2a	EQIP plan schedule of operations provides for implementation of all funded practices within two years or less?	Yes	No
2b	EQIP plan schedule of operations provides for implementation of all funded practices within three years or less?	Yes	No

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Certification and Signatures

I am submitting this Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application to NRCS for consideration. I understand that any practice started prior to an application being selected for funding and approved as a contract is not eligible for EQIP funding.

The conservation practices, quantity, and field numbers listed on page 1 of this field inventory worksheet are the extent for practices planned for financial assistance through this EQIP application.

Signature of Applicant and Date

Signature of NRCS Representative and Date

EQIP Organic Initiative Self-Certification Worksheet for Fiscal Year 2015

This self-certification form must be used by each producer applying for EQIP Organic Initiative assistance. The goal of the Organic Initiative is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP benefits are allocated to address resource concerns related to organic production. In order to qualify for the Organic Initiative, a producer must self-certify that they meet one of the following three categories.

1. Certified Organic

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I am a certified organic producer and I will provide NRCS with a copy of my current USDA NOP organic certificate or proof of good standing from a USDA-accredited certifying agent. I understand that I am required to maintain organic certification throughout the life of the EQIP OI contract. If certification is not maintained, the contract may be subject to termination.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

2. Exempt from Certification (Organic Producers Selling Less Than \$5,000 in Organic Products Annually)

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that in order to receive technical and financial assistance through EQIP Organic Initiative as an exempt producer, I agree to develop and implement an OSP that meets standards established in the National Organic Programs (NOP) Act (7 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6522) for the life of this contract. I understand my application will be ranked with transitioning organic producers provided I meet eligibility requirements. I certify that I sell less than \$5,000 in organic products annually and I have provided the required documentation as specified in 440-CPM. I agree to notify NRCS should my exempt from certification status change during the life of this EQIP OI contract.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

D.C. Approval: _____ Date Approved _____

3. Transitioning to Organic

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that in order to receive technical and financial assistance through EQIP Organic Initiative as a transitioning to organic producer, I agree to develop and implement an organic system plan to standards established in the National Organic Programs (NOP) Act (7 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6522).

I understand that if I do not meet this requirement during the period while transitioning to organic production, my EQIP contract may be subject to termination.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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