

NE - Cropland

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	a. 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.	250
2	a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15
2	b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10
2	c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10
2	d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	10
2	e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10
3	a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15
3	b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10
3	c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10
3	d. 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?	10
4	a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10
4	b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10
4	c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10
4	d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10
5	a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	10
5	b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10
6	a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10
6	b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10
6	c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10
6	d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10
7	a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10
7	b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10
8	a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10
8	b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10
9	a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10
Total Points		500

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		Livestock Resource Concern:	
	1	a. EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of practices that solve resource concerns on a livestock operation?	50
2		Water Quality Degradation:	
	2	a. Nutrients in surface and ground waters: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the reduction of nutrients in surface and/or ground waters?	55
	2	b. Sediment in surface waters: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the reduction of sediment in surface waters?	40
3		Soil Erosion:	
	3	a. Concentrated Flow Erosion: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the reduction of concentrated flow erosion?	50
	3	b. Sheet, Rill, & Wind Erosion: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the reduction of sheet, rill and/or wind erosion?	25

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4		Soil Quality Degradation:	
	4	a. Organic Matter Depletion: Will the proposed project result in the implementation of practices that will result in the increase of soil organic matter?	30
Maximum Points: 250			Total Points 250

Local Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		Water Quality Degradation:	
	1	a. Will the proposed project result in the reduction of water quality degradation by implementing one or more of the following priority practices: Cover Crop (340), Filter Strip (393), 590-Nutrient Management (590), or Integrated Pest Management (595)?	100
	1	b. Sediment in surface water-Will the proposed project result in the reduction of water quality degradation by implementing one or more of the following priority practices: Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), or Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)?	75
2		Soil Quality Degradation: (Answer ONE of the following - Maximum of 85 points): For the following questions, points may be received for the following practices: Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Cover Crop (340), Forage and Biomass planting (512), Integrated Pest Management (595), Nutrient Management (590), Residue and Tillage Management - No Till (329).	
	2	a. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of 3 practices or more that address soil quality?	85
	2	b. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of two practices that address soil quality?	60
	2	c. Will the proposed project result in the implementation of one practice that addresses soil quality?	40
3		Inadequate Habitat for Fish & Wildlife:	
	3	a. Will the proposed project result in the improvement of wildlife habitat by implementing one or more of the following priority practices: Conservation Cover (327), Residue and Tillage Management-No Till (329), Field Border (386), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)?	75
4		Soil Erosion:	
	4	a. Sheet, Rill, & Wind Erosion- Will the proposed project result in the reduction of sheet, rill and/or wind erosion by implementing one or more of the following priority practices: Conservation Cover (327), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Residue and Tillage Management-No Till (329), Cover Crop (340), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), Field Border (386), or Forage and Biomass Planting (512)?	65
Maximum Points: 400			Total Points 500