



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool Area 1 FY 2026
Michigan

Program EQIP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template EQIP

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Existing Practice Included Yes

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National Pool No

Include States MI (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	4	100
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	8	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	8	100
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	5	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	8	100
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	8	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	6	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	6	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	8	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	6	100
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	4	100

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Source water depletion)	0	4	100
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	4	100
Water (Weather resilience)	0	6	100

Air (Air quality emissions)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Objectionable odor)	0	20	100

Animals (Aquatic habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic Habitat (Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms)	0	50	100
Aquatic Habitat (Elevated water temperature)	0	50	100

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Livestock Health (Feed and forage balance)	0	35	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	30	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	35	100

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	100	100

Energy (Inefficient energy use)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities)	0	50	100
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations)	0	50	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant productivity and health)	0	50	100
Plant Health (Plant structure and composition)	0	50	100

Plants (Fire management)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wildfire Hazard (Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation)	0	100	100

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels)	0	30	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	35	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	35	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	15	100
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	0	15	100
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Subsidence)	0	10	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	50	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	20	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	20	100

Water (Salt losses to water)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Salts transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Salts transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Source water depletion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Groundwater depletion)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	30	100

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	25	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	25	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	25	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	25	100

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Drifted snow)	0	20	100
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	20	100
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	20	100
Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)	0	20	100
Water Quantity (Seeps)	0	20	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	101	00N	Activities

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Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	102	00N	Activities
Forest Management Plan	106	00N	Activities
Grazing Management Plan	110	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management Plan	116	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Design	120	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition	138	00N	Activities
Transition to Organic Design	140	00N	Activities
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Design	144	00N	Activities
Pollinator Habitat Design	148	00N	Activities
Nutrient Management Design and Implementation Activity	157	00N	Activities
Feed Management Design	158	00N	Activities
Grazing Management Design	159	00N	Activities
Prescribed Burning Design	160	00N	Activities
Pest Management Conservation System Design	161	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management System Design	162	00N	Activities
Irrigation Water Management Design	163	00N	Activities
Improved Management of Drainage Water Design	164	00N	Activities
Forest Management Practice Design	165	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan	199	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-Data Collection and Evaluation	201	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-System Installation	202	00N	Activities
Adaptive Management for Soil Health	204	00N	Activities
Feed and Forage Analysis	206	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	00N	Activities
Prescribed Grazing Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity	219	00N	Activities
Soil Organic Carbon Stock Monitoring	221	00N	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	00N	Activities
Forest Management Assessment	223	00N	Activities
Aquifer Flow Test	224	00N	Activities
Waste Facility Site Suitability and Feasibility Assessment	226	00N	Activities
Evaluation of Existing Waste Storage Facility Components	227	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Agrichemical Handling Facility	309	00N	Conservation Practices
Alley Cropping	311	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Storage Facility	313	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Animal Mortality Facility	316	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Composting Facility	317	00N, 01N, 03N	Conservation Practices
On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility	319	00N	Conservation Practices
Deep Tillage	324	00N	Conservation Practices
High Tunnel System	325	00N	Conservation Practices
Clearing and Snagging	326	00N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	329	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Contour Farming	330	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Buffer Strips	332	00N	Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Controlled Traffic Farming	334	00N	Conservation Practices
Soil Carbon Amendment	336	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	00N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345	00N	Conservation Practices
Sediment Basin	350	00N	Conservation Practices
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Monitoring Well	353	00N	Conservation Practices

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Dike and Levee	356	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Facility Closure	360	00N	Conservation Practices
Diversion	362	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Anaerobic Digester	366	00N	Conservation Practices
Roofs and Covers	367	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Emergency Animal Mortality Management	368	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Combustion System Improvement	372	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	374	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Pond	378	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Farming	379	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	00N	Conservation Practices
Silvopasture	381	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Fuel Break	383	00N	Conservation Practices
Woody Residue Treatment	384	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	00N	Conservation Practices
Aquaculture Pond	397	00N	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	00N	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

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Hedgerow Planting	422	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Pipeline	430	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Reservoir	436	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Sprinkler System	442	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	00N	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	00N	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	520	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner	521	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete	522	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Sinkhole Treatment	527	00N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Roof Runoff Structure	558	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Access Road	560	00N	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	00N	Conservation Practices
Stormwater Runoff Control	570	00N	Conservation Practices
Spoil Disposal	572	00N	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Trails and Walkways	575	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Open Channel	582	00N	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	00N	Conservation Practices
Stripcropping	585	00N	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Feed Management	592	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Vegetative Barrier	601	00N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Wind Barriers	603	00N	Conservation Practices
Saturated Buffer	604	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Denitrifying Bioreactor	605	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Subsurface Drain	606	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Underground Outlet	620	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment	629	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Separation Facility	632	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Transfer	634	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetated Treatment Area	635	00N	Conservation Practices
Water Harvesting Catchment	636	00N	Conservation Practices
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638	00N	Conservation Practices
Water Well	642	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N	Conservation Practices
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	00N	Conservation Practices
Constructed Wetland	656	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Enhancement	659	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Lighting System	670	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Annual Forages for Grazing Systems	810	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Low Tunnel Systems	821	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Organic Management	823	00N	Interim Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	10	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	50	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	15	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

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An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the practice schedule include at least one PLU that is located in Area 1?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Question

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select all necessary categories based on the Category Selection Rules & Funding Category Priority List	Beginning Farmer	--
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer	--
	Tribal Applicants	--
	Cropland	--
	Forestland	--
	Pastureland	--
	Conservation Activities	--
	High Tunnel	--
	Livestock Systems	--
	MAEAP	--
	On-Farm Energy	--
	Organic / Organic Transition	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	Source Water Protection (SWP)	--
	Urban Agriculture	--
	Wildlife	--
	Reserve 1	--
	Reserve 2	--
	Reserve 3	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Conservation Activities Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for developing a standalone conservation planning activity (CPA), design and implementation activity (DIA), conservation evaluation and monitoring activity (CEMA) or a combination of these, not including Agricultural Energy Assessment (228), Agricultural Energy Design (120), Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138), or Transition to Organic Design and Implementation Activity (140)?	YES	20
	NO	0

Section: On-Farm Energy Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for developing a standalone Agricultural Energy Design (120), Agricultural Energy Assessment (228), or a combination of these?	YES	20
	NO	0
Will the application result in the implementation of a practice as recommended in an existing AgEMP or comprehensive on-farm energy audit meeting ANSI/ASABE S612 Type 2 standard?*	YES	5
	NO	0

Section: Organic Transition Conservation Activities Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for developing a standalone Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138), Transition to Organic Design and Implementation Activity, or a combination of both?	YES	20
	NO	0

Section: General Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the application of practices prescribed in an NRCS-approved Conservation Planning Activity (CPA)?	YES	20
	NO	0
Will any of the conservation practices in this application be installed on lands protected by a Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) easement or an Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)?	YES	10
	NO	0
Is the treatment to be implemented using EQIP part of an Implementation Schedule or Farmstead/Cropping Improvement Action Plan that will assist in a farm becoming MAEAP verified, Wildlife Risk Mitigated or will result in Risk Reduction of a "high risk," as identified by one of the State of Michigan's "A*Syst" Tools?*	YES	20
	NO	0
Are any of the planned land units within a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (MDEGLE)-designated impaired watershed?	YES	10
	NO	0

Section: Beginning Farmer & Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant self-certify as a Beginning Farmer and/or Socially Disadvantaged Farmer on the NRCS-CPA-1200, "Conservation Program Application?"	YES	--
	NO	-100
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	20
	NO	0
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	5
	NO	0

Section: Tribal Applicant Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application from a federally recognized Indian Tribe?	YES	--
	NO	-100

Section: Livestock Systems Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this application address storage, treatment, land application, or handling (transferring) of animal waste or organic byproducts, such as animal carcasses?	YES	--
	NO	-100

Section: MAEAP Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many practices does the applicant need to install to become MAEAP verified for the targeted MAEAP verification (Farmstead, Cropping System, etc.)?	1	10
	2	5

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include Soil Health Testing (216) on at least one PLU in the first and last year of the plan AND does the participant plan to continue an existing or begin implementing at least one core Regen practice on at least one PLU?	YES	--
	NO	-100

Section: Source Water Protection (SWP) Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are at least 50% of the PLU acres within a priority Source Water Protection watershed?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	-100

Section: Urban Agriculture Program Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are the planned conservation practices within an "Urban Area" as defined by the 2020 Census?	YES	--
	NO	-100

Survey: Resource Questions**Section: Conservation Activities Resource Question***

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the proposed, standalone CPA, DIA, and/or CEMA associated with an identified resource concern and will it provide the applicant knowledge about managing land to address resource concerns and therefore, result in an environmental benefit?	YES	20
	NO	0

Section: General Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: General Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application includes:	Treatment of classic or ephemeral gullies, sheet and rill erosion, or wind erosion on land currently eroding above "T."	0.5
	Implementation of any of the following practices to address class or ephemeral gully erosion: Grassed Waterway (412), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), Critical Area Planting (342), or Vegetative Barrier (601)	0.5
	Treatment of all measurable gully erosion (classic or ephemeral) occurring on PLUs in the application	0.5
	None of the above	0
Will the planned conservation practices result in any of the following, as related to wildlife?	The wildlife habitat index being increased from less than 0.70 to greater than 0.70.	0.5
	Additional habitat for wildlife, including pollinators, as listed in the practice standard.	0.5
	Additional habitat for a documented State or Federally-listed Threatened or Endangered species.	0.5
	None of the above.	0
Will the planned conservation practices result in treatment of a top priority invasive species, as indicated by the local Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA)? If there is no local CISMA, will the practices address an A or B list species for your region of the State, as listed in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) publication, "Meeting the Challenge of Invasive Plants: A Framework for Action?"	YES	0.5
	NO	0
Does the application include a planned conservation practice that will reduce sediment, nutrients, or pesticides transported to surface water?	YES	0.5
	NO	0

Section: Food Desert Resource Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will a conservation practice be implemented in an area designated as a food desert (Low Income and Low Accessibility at 1 & 10), per the USDA-Economic Research Service (ERS) Food Access Research Atlas?	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: Inefficient Irrigation Water Resource Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will a planned conservation practice address inefficient use of irrigation water?	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: Local Food System Resource Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Local Food System Resource Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for a producer who is:	currently marketing their products through local food systems (schools, restaurants, farmer's markets, road-side stands, Community-Supporting Agriculture markets, etc.) to provide communities with greater food security	1
	planning to market their products through local food systems (schools, restaurants, farmer's markets, road-side stands, Community-Supporting Agriculture markets, etc.) to provide communities with greater food security	0.5
	None of the above	0

Section: Pastured Livestock Resource Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the planned conservation practices result in, or include, any of the following, as related to pastured livestock?	Livestock being excluded from environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands.	0.5
	Livestock removed from surface water or provided restricted access to surface water where there previously was unrestricted access.	0.5
	Treatment of pastureland with pasture condition index of 35 or less with a grazing management (528) system.	0.5
	Infrastructure practices to support animal distribution and inadequate livestock water resource concerns.	0.5
	Development and implementation of livestock stream crossing(s).	0.5
	None of the above.	0

Section: Waste Storage Resource Question*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application result in adequate storage duration for all agricultural wastes, as identified in a completed, current, NRCS-certified Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: Water Quality Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices that address at least one of the following water quality concerns: 1) Nutrients in surface water; 2) Excessive sediment in surface water; or 3) Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications in surface water?	YES	1
	NO	0
Are core practices planned to be implemented on PLU's with a majority of soil types that are classified Hydrologic Group D (high runoff) or Group A (high infiltration)?	YES	0.5
	NO	0

Section: Water Quality Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include any of the following?	Nutrient Management (590)	0.5
	Pest Management Conservation System (595)	0.5
	Cover Crop (340), Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329) or Reduced Till (345)	0.5
	Filter Strip (393), Grassed Waterway (412), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (380), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), or Vegetative Barrier (601)	0.5
	None of the above	0

Section: Beginning Farmer & Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application included any of the following practices related to forestry and/or wildlife?	Forest Stand Improvement (666)	1
	Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)	1
	Wildlife Habitat Planting (420)	1
	None of the above.	0
Does the application include any of the following practices related to soil and water?	Cover Crop (340); Conservation Crop Rotation (328); or Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329)	1
	Filter Strip (393), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), or Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)	1
	None of the above.	0

Section: Tribal Applicants Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the application address a high priority resource concern of the Tribe?	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: Cropland Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Cropland Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this application include any of the following practices?	High Tunnel System (325)	1
	Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Field Border (386), Filter Strip (393), Hedgerow (422), or Windbreak (380)	1
	Cover Crop (340)	2
	Pest Management Conservation System (595)	1
	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329) or Reduced Till (345) for at least 3 consecutive years	2
	Nutrient Management (590) for at least 3 consecutive years	1
	None of the above.	0

Section: Forestland Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include any of the following?	Forest Stand Improvement (666) or Tree/Shrub Pruning (660) to specifically stop the spread of Oak Wilt	3
	Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)	1
	Forest Stand Improvement (666) to benefit resource concerns, other than to stop the spread of Oak Wilt	1
	None of the above	0
Does the application include a conservation practice that will prevent a cold water stream or tributary from being unnaturally warmed by thermal pollution?	YES	0.5
	NO	0
Are woody or herbaceous, invasive species limiting the sustainable regrowth of native or naturalized forest species, as documented in a Forest Management Plan, and is a practice planned to address the concern?	YES	0.5
	NO	0
Does the application include a suite of 3 or more different practices listed in the Forest Management Plan?	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: Pastureland Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include 3 or more years of either Pest Management Conservation System (595) or Nutrient Management (590)?	YES	3
	NO	0
Does the application include a suite of at least 3 different grazing management-related practices to address multiple resource concerns?	YES	4
	NO	0
Will this application result in the development of pollinator habitat greater than 0.5 acres in size AND be located 125 feet or more from crops treated with nitroguanidine neonicotinoids, including those planted with coated seeds?	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: High Tunnel Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include a practice, such as Cover Crop (340), Residue & Tillage Management (329 or 345), Crop Rotation (328), etc. that will result in improvements to soil quality?	YES	1
	NO	0
The majority of the PLU's are in:	USDA-ARS Plant Hardiness Zone 7a	2
	USDA-ARS Plant Hardiness Zone 6a or 6b	1.5
	USDA-ARS Plant Hardiness Zone 5a or 5b	1
	USDA-ARS Plant Hardiness Zone 4a or 4b	0.5

Section: Livestock Systems Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application include any of the following?	Reduce objectionable odors near animal waste storage and treatment facilities through the installation of one or more of the following practices: Animal Mortality Facility (316), Composting Facility (317), Hedgerow Planting (422), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (380)	1
	Prevent polluted runoff from occurring by diverting clean water and storing or treating water which becomes contaminated through contact with animal waste	0.5
	None of the above	0
Will this application include any of the following?	Filter Strip (393) to provide protection from sediment, nutrient, or pathogen contamination	3
	Waste Water Treatment (629) or Wastewater Treatment - Milkhouse installation meeting CPS 627 Standards and Specifications	2
	Treatment of all animal waste through composting (manure or mortality), anaerobic digestion, or solid/liquid waste separation	0.5
	None of the above	0

Section: On-Farm Energy Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the proposed conservation activity(s) associated with an identified resource concern and will it provide the applicant knowledge about managing land to address resource concerns and therefore, result in environmental benefit?*	YES	20
	NO	0
Which of the following does the application include?*	Two or more core practices.	1
	One core practice.	0.5
	Only supporting practices.	0.25
	None of the above.	0
Based upon the energy audit results, has the applicant implemented at least one of the recommendations in the past?*	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: On-Farm Energy Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application includes which of the following?*	1-25% of all recommendations listed in the energy audit	0.25
	26-50% of all recommendations listed in the energy audit	0.5
	51-75% of all recommendations listed in the energy audit	0.75
	76-100% of all recommendations listed in the energy audit	1

Section: Organic / Organic Transition Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the proposed conservation activity(s) associated with an identified resource concern and will it provide the applicant knowledge about managing land to address resource concerns and therefore, result in environmental benefit?*	YES	20
	NO	0
Does the application include any of the following?*	Practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminates from entering the farm.	1
	Nutrient Management (590)	1
	None of the above.	0

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the application include Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329) or Reduced Till (345) for more than three consecutive years?	YES	2
	NO	0
Does the application include 3 or more years of either Pest Management Conservation System (595) or Nutrient Management (590)?	YES	2
	NO	0
The application includes the following:	Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	1
	Cover Crop (340)	1
	Forest Stand Improvement (666)	1
	Irrigation Water Management (449)	1
	Grazing Management (528)	1
	None of the above	0

Section: Source Water Protection (SWP) Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many source water protection CORE practices are included in the application?	3 or more	1.5
	2	1
	1	0.5

Section: Urban Agriculture Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include Well Decommissioning (351) to address water quality?	YES	0.5
	NO	0
Does the application include any of the following related to Nutrient Management (590) and/or Pest Management Conservation Systems (595)?	Pest Management Conservation System (595) specifically addressing herbicide-resistant weeds	0.5
	Pest Management Conservation System (595) or Nutrient Management (590) planned in a way that controls drift or odor in a densely populated area	0.5
	Nutrient Management (590) on all urban, contracted acres for three consecutive years	0.5
	None of the above	0
Does the application include the listed practices that will establish a soil health management system?	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), AND Cover Crop (340)	2
	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), OR Cover Crop (340)	1
	None of the above	0

Section: Wildlife Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the planned conservation practices address Monarch Butterfly habitat needs?	YES	2
	NO	0
How many NATIONAL wildlife core practices does this application include?	1	0.5
	2	1
	3 or more	1.5
	None	0
Are at least 50% of the PLU acres in the Michigan American Woodcock Priority Area?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--
Will this application create young age forest for woodcock in the Michigan American Woodcock Priority Area?*	YES	1
	NO	0
Are at least 50% of the PLU acres in the Mesic Conifer Priority Area?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--
Will this application improve mesic conifers by planting hemlock, white pine, and/or white spruce in the Mesic Conifer Priority Area?*	YES	1
	NO	0
Are at least 50% of the PLU acres within 5 miles of a historic prairie, as shown on pre-settlement vegetation maps?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--
Will this application install a herbaceous vegetative practice within 5 miles of a historic prairie, as shown on pre-settlement vegetation maps?*	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: Wildlife Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application accomplish any of the following?	Improve fish habitat using riparian buffers and/or Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)	1
	Aspen, birch, or jack pine regeneration using Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647) or Forest Stand Improvement (666)	1
	Implement one or more of the following management practices on grasslands: Prescribed Burning (338), Herbaceous Weed Control (315), Brush Management (314), Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)	1
	Improve pheasant/quail habitat by planting native, mast-producing (nut, fruit, or berry), shrubs or a switchgrass stand for winter cover	1
	None of the above	0

Detailed Assessments

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