

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool AL FY2026 North
Team

Program EQIP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template EQIP

**Template
Status** Active

**Existing Practice
Included** Yes

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National Pool No

Include States AL (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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	5	100
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	5	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	10	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	100
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	5	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	5	100
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	10	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	10	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	100

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	5	100
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	100
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	5	100
Water (Weather resilience)	0	5	100

Air (Air quality emissions)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)	0	35	100
Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs)	0	10	100
Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)	0	5	100
Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)	0	10	100
Air Quality (Objectionable odor)	0	40	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	55	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	10	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	80	100
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations)	0	20	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
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	20	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	30	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	30	100
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	20	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	90	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	10	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	70	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
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Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	10	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	10	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	30	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	15	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	70	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	15	100

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	30	100

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Drifted snow)	0	--	100
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	25	100
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	25	100
Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)	0	25	100
Water Quantity (Seeps)	0	25	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	102	00N	Activities
Forest Management Plan	106	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management Plan	116	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition	138	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities
Feral Swine Damage Assessment	297	00N	Activities
Agrichemical Handling Facility	309	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
High Tunnel System	325	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 Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Buffer Strips	332	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
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Monitoring Well	353	00N	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	00N	Conservation Practices

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Waste Treatment Lagoon	359	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Facility Closure	360	00N	Conservation Practices
Diversion	362	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Roofs and Covers	367	00N, 01N, 02N	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
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
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Dam	402	00N	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	00N	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
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 System, Surface and Subsurface	443	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Land Clearing	460	00N	Conservation Practices
Precision Land Forming and Smoothing	462	00N	Conservation Practices
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	00N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	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
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Roof Runoff Structure	558	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Access Road	560	00N	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	00N	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Shelter Structure	576	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	00N	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Terrace	600	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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Waste Transfer	634	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
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	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
Raised Beds	812	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	30	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	30	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	Answer Choices	Points
What Alabama Team is the application in?	North Team	--
	Not Applicable	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: County		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
What County is the Application in?	Blount	--
	Calhoun	--
	Cherokee	--
	Cleburne	--
	Colbert	--
	Cullman	--
	DeKalb	--
	Etowah	--
	Fayette	--
	Franklin	--
	Jackson	--
	Jefferson	--
	Lamar	--
	Lauderdale	--
	Lawrence	--
	Limestone	--
	Madison	--
	Marion	--
	Marshall	--
	Morgan	--
	St. Clair	--
	Walker	--
	Winston	--
	Otherwise	--

Section: Initiatives

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select any eligible Initiative	(BFR) Beginning Farmer/Rancher	--
	(LLPI) Longleaf Pine Initiative	--
	(NWQI) National Water Quality Initiative	--
	(RPP) Regenerative Pilot Program	--
	(SDFR) Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher	--
	General Application	--
	(Reserve 1)	--
	(Reserve 2)	--
	(Reserve 3)	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?*	YES	10
	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
The Conservation Plan will benefit Aquatic Species within a Strategic Habitat Unit.	The majority of the PLUs are located within a SHU.	15
	The majority of the PLUs are NOT within a SHU	0
Are the Offered acres adjacent to a riparian buffer that qualifies for The Riparian Forest Expanded Buffer Initiative (buffer extended from 35 to a minimum of 75 feet)?	YES	20
	NO	0
Are Invasive Species being mitigated with Financial Assistance?	YES	20
	NO	0
Does the operation contain livestock, and is designated as such in ProTracts?	YES	50
	NO	0
Does the application include a CPA, DIA, or CEMA (not including CEMA 216 for RPP)?	YES	40
	NO	0
The PLUs are located in a Source Water Protection Watershed?	Located within a SWP Watershed	10
	NOT located in a SWP Watershed	0

Section: Reserve Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Reserve 1*	Priority 1	15
	Priority 2	10
	Priority 3	5
Reserve 2*	Priority 1	15
	Priority 2	10
	Priority 3	5
Reserve 3*	Priority 1	15
	Priority 2	10
	Priority 3	5

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: LLPI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this application pertain to land that is contiguous to a protected area such as a national forest, military installation, national wildlife refuge, state forest, heritage reserve, or land protected by a perpetual conservation easement (e.g., WRP, FRPP, GRP, and TNC)?*	YES	5
	NO	0
Is the acreage where practice installation will take place located within a state-designated priority county?	LLPI Priority County	5
	Not within a priority county	0
Will the offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?	YES	5
	NO	0
Does this application pertain to land with a forest management plan that includes prescribed burning in an established longleaf pine stand (not for site prep burning)?	YES	10
	NO	0

Section: NWQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the PLUs Intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment?*	YES	5
	NO	0
The following apply:*	Livestock will be excluded from all streams on the offered acres	5
	the application of conservation practices will reduce the STIR rating to less than 30 on over 75% of the offered acres	5
	the contract includes installation of a buffer (such as filter strip, riparian forest buffer, or grassed water way) that filters and traps pollutants, nutrients and or sediment	5
	will critical acres be mitigated for runoff?	5
	none of the above	0

Section: RPP *

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Answer all that apply:*	CEMA 216 is planned on 25% or more of the applicable PLUs	25
	An RPP core practice is planned for all applicable years of the contract?	25
	An RPP core practice is planned for 3 years of the contract?	15
	An RPP core practice is planned for 2 years of the contract?	10
	None of the above	0

Section: County Local Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Blount*	Is this application on Pastureland?	40
	Is this application on Forestland use?	30
	Is this application on Cropland?	20
	Is this application on Farmstead?	10
	None of the above	0
Calhoun*	Is this application for Grazingland practices to implement rotational grazing system and/or improve on existing rotational grazing system practices would include fencing, heavy use area, watering facility, grass planting, livestock pipeline, herbaceous weed treatment etc.	30
	Is this application for Forest Health and Wildlife associated with practices involving tree planting, site preparation, firebreaks prescribed burn, forest stand improvement, pollinator habitat, upland wildlife management etc.	25
	Is this application for Soil Quality/Erosion to fund associated practices such as high tunnels, cover crops, cropland conversion grass planting, etc. in regard to soil quality/erosion.	20
	Is this application to fund associated practices for Water Quality/Animal Feeding Operations associated practices incinerators, dry stacks, composters, dehydrators, freezers etc.	15
	Is this application to fund associated practices under Energy/Irrigation Efficiency practices such as energy audits, sidewall and attic insulation, retro fits and irrigation etc.	10
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Cherokee*	Is cropland being converted to permanent cover?	10
	Will eroded areas be treated by Critical area planting?	9
	Will erosion be treated by installing terraces and waterways?	8
	Is application for planting a cover crop mix on cropland?	8
	The application is for the installation of a rotational grazing system to establish a minimum of three pastures needing cross fencing?	8
	This application if for establishing a water meter and/or pipeline and trough(s) for livestock water to facilitate prescribed grazing?	7
	This application is for establishing a permanent stand of grass?	7
	This application is for establishing heavy use area protection (HUA) for areas that have been damaged by livestock a part of rotational grazing system?	7
	This application is for establishing perennial legumes into cool and/or warm season pastures or hayland to improve forage quality on eligible sites?	6
	This application is to establish Longleaf or Shortleaf Pine on cutover, pastures or cropland sites?	6
	This application is for prescribed fire and firebreaks for an existing stand of longleaf, shortleaf or loblolly pine?	6
	This application is to establish loblolly pine with site prep. (very light, light or medium)?	5
	This application is for Forest Stand Improvement (666)?	4
	Is applicant planning to plant shrubs/ hedgerows for wildlife?	3
	Is application for a drystack AND dead bird disposal for a broiler operation?	3
	Is this application for dead animal disposal only?	2
	Is this application for a stand-alone drystack only?	1
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Cleburne*	Is this application for Grazingland practices to implement rotational grazing system and/or improve on existing rotational grazing system practices would include fencing, heavy use area, watering facility, grass planting, livestock pipeline, herbaceous weed treatment etc.	30
	Is this application for Forest Health and Wildlife associated with practices involving tree planting, site preparation, firebreaks prescribed burn, forest stand improvement, pollinator habitat, upland wildlife management etc.	25
	Is this application for Soil Quality/Erosion to fund associated practices such as high tunnels, cover crops, cropland conversion grass planting, etc. in regard to soil quality/erosion.	20
	Is this application to fund associated practices for Water Quality/Animal Feeding Operations associated practices incinerators, dry stacks, composters, dehydrators, freezers etc.	15
	Is this application to fund associated practices under Energy/Irrigation Efficiency practices such as energy audits, sidewall and attic insulation, retro fits and irrigation etc.	10
	None of the above	0
Colbert*	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Pasture or Hayed Crop land use?	40
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Crop land use?	30
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Forest land use?	20
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Farmstead land use?	10
	None of the above	0
Cullman*	Is this application on Pastureland ?	40
	Is this application on Forestland use?	30
	Is this application on Cropland?	20
	Is this application on Farmstead?	10
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
DeKalb*	applicant is installing cross fencing AND/OR alternate watering sources to facilitate a rotational grazing system	11
	Offered acres are in need of establishment or improvement of existing forage species	10
	Heavy Use Areas will be installed for feeding areas?	9
	applicant is restricting access to streams, ponds through practices in this plan	8
	application is only for a dead bird disposal	7
	application is only for a stand alone drystack for a broiler operation	7
	application is for a drystack AND dead bird disposal for a broiler operation	7
	cropland is being converted to permanent cover	7
	application is for incorporating cover crops into current cropping system	7
	erosion will be treated by installing terraces and waterways	6
	application is for lights	6
	application is for irrigation efficiency practices	5
	tree planting is planned	4
	Native grasses will be established for wildlife habitat	3
	applicant is planning to plant shrubs/hedgerows for wildlife	2
	applicant is applying for prescribe burning	1
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Etowah*	Is this application to fund cover crops, high tunnels, terraces, grass planting, conservation cover, and all related practices to improve Soil Health/Quality	30
	Is this application to fund Grazingland practices associated with establishing a rotational grazing system and/or improve an existing rotational grazing system such as grass planting, fence, waterers, heavy use areas, livestock pipeline, pasture spraying, soil amendments, stream crossings, etc	25
	Is this application to fund Forestry and Wildlife related practices such as prescribed burn, firebreaks, site prep, tree planting, forest stand improvement, riparian forest buffer, conservation cover, wildlife food plot, etc	20
	Is this application to fund practices related to improved energy usage or consumption such as energy audits, attic and side wall insulation, retro fits, irrigation ect under Energy/Irrigation Efficiency	15
	Is this application to fund all practices related to Animal Feeding Operation/Farmstead improving Water Quality such as dry stacks, composters, incinerators, dehydrators, freezers, etc	10
	None of the above	0
Fayette*	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Pasture or Hayed Crop land use?	40
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Forest land use?	30
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Crop land use?	20
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Farmstead land use?	10
	None of the above	0
Franklin*	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Pasture or Hayed Crop land use?	40
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Farmstead land use?	30
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Forest land use?	20
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Crop land use?	10
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Jackson*	Do you wish to treat off-site damage and impacts from livestock such as sediment from erosion and/or nutrients and bacteria to water bodies (streams/ponds/wetlands, sinkholes)? Treatment could include livestock exclusion, riparian buffers, stream crossings, filter strips and/or hedgerow planting.	20
	For offered pasture and/or hayland with poor stands or undesirable species on >50% of the acreage in each offered field, is applicant applying to establish desirable perennial forage species on the affected areas?	15
	Is applicant applying to install a meter and/or hookup to municipal water supply or dig a well and install pipeline and trough(s) to provide dependable water source for livestock and facilitate grazing management as opposed to the use of ponds or springs?	8
	Is applicant applying to install a pond to provide a water source for livestock and facilitate grazing management as opposed to the use of watering facilities?	6
	Is the applicant willing to install ball waterers or concrete troughs to provide water for livestock as opposed to galvanized, or open-top plastic watering facility?	5
	Is applicant applying to install terraces, waterways, underground outlets, contour buffer strips, etc. to control erosion on cropland?	15
	Is applicant applying to plant a 3+ species cover crop mix in accordance with EQIP (340) practice code guidelines to achieve improved soil quality?	10
	Is applicant applying to convert Highly Erodible Cropland to a permanent cover such as grass or trees?	8
	Is applicant applying to plant a single species cover crop in accordance with EQIP (340) practice code guidelines to achieve improved soil quality?	8
	Are the majority of offered acres classified as Highly Erodible Land?	5
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Jefferson*	Will the applicant be applying for funding for prescribed grazing?	11
	Is the applicant installing fence to restrict access to sensitive areas? (streams, ponds, wetlands, etc.)	10
	Will the applicant be installing Heavy Use Area Protection for watering facilities, hay rings or feed pads?	9
	Does the applicant presently have at least 3 existing paddocks cross-fenced and rotating livestock?	8
	Is the applicant planting wildlife food plots in native species?	7
	Is the applicant currently growing a crop?	7
	Is the applicant presently practicing reduced tillage in crop fields?	7
	Is the applicant planting native hardwoods?	7
	Has the applicant previously prescribed burned existing forest stand on a 3-5 year rotation?	7
	Is the application seeking to restore the natural ecosystem for non-commercial purposes?	7
	Is the applicant willing to pre-commercial thin pine stand?	6
	Is active erosion from watering identified?	5
	Are applicants using timers or soil moisture sensors?	4
	Is participant using overhead watering a sprinkler or wobbler nozzle?	3
	Is growing production used as a primary source of income?	2
	None of the above	0
Lamar*	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Forest land use?	40
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Pasture or Hayed Crop land use?	30
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Crop land use?	20
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Farmstead land use?	10
	None of the above.	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Lauderdale*	Is the applicant willing to install cross fencing, watering facilities, or heavy use areas in order to create or expand a rotational grazing system to at least 4 paddocks?	45
	Is damage visible from high traffic areas such as feeding locations, existing watering facilities, etc., where the applicant is willing to install heavy use areas to address erosion with stabilization measures?	25
	Is the applicant willing to install watering facilities that will be hooked to an existing water source (existing water meter, existing well, etc.)?	15
	Is the applicant willing to install watering facilities where surface water will be excluded, or expand watering system where surface water previously excluded?	10
	Have existing pasture quality been degraded by undesirable species, and the applicant is willing to chemically treat with approved herbicides, replant approved perennial grasses, or overseed with legumes to improve forage quality?	5
	None of the above	0
Lawrence*	Is the applicant willing to install cross fencing, watering facilities, or heavy use areas in order to create or expand a rotational grazing system to at least 4 paddocks?	26
	Is damage visible from high traffic areas such as feeding locations, existing watering facilities, etc., where the applicant is willing to install heavy use areas to address?	23
	Is the applicant willing to install watering facilities that will be hooked to an existing water source (existing water meter, existing well, etc.)?	20
	Is the applicant willing to install watering facilities where surface water will be excluded, or expand watering system where surface water previously excluded?	15
	Have existing pasture quality been degraded by undesirable species, and the applicant is willing to chemically treat with approved herbicides?	10
	Is the applicant willing to improve forage quality by overseeding with clover, or replant perennial grasses in existing pasture?	5
	Is the applicant willing to install streambank stabilization measures where banks are failing, and exclude livestock from the creek or stream?	1
	None of the Above	0

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Limestone*	Will the application result in fencing of sensitive areas such as streams, ponds, springs, forest, sinkholes, etc., or have all sensitive areas been excluded?	14
	Does this application include practice(s) that will facilitate a rotational grazing system that has a minimum of 5 paddocks?	13
	Does this application include installation of alternative livestock watering facilities(614)and/or Fencing (382) to improve distribution and facilitate prescribed grazing(528)?	12
	Will this application result in the implementation of Herbaceous Weeds Treatment(315)?	11
	Will this application result in the conversion of cropland to permanent grass and/or native trees?	10
	Will the application result in a cover crop with 3 or more species being established on the eligible land use acres?	9
	Will the application include practices to promote plant and soil health by extending the growing season and installing a High Tunnel (325) and/or using live cover (340)?	8
	Will completion of the practices in this application result in controlling concentrated erosion and/or reduce sheet and rill erosion from above "T" soil loss tolerance to "T" or below? (RUSLE2 documentation needed)	6
	Is this application for cropland conversion to trees,?	6
	This application will result in the implementation of one or more of the following practices: Prescribed burning (338), Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315), Conservation Cover (327), Wildlife Habitat Planting (420) or Tree/Shrub Est. (612)?	4
	Will practices in this application result in native warm grasses (NWSG) being established for forage or wildlife habitat?	3
	If funded will this application result in an animal waste (313) or animal mortality facility (316) being implemented?	2
	Does the applicant have an approved Energy Plan?	1
	None of the above	0

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Madison*	Will this application result in the conversion of cropland to permanent grass and/or native trees?	15
	Will completion of the practices in this application result in controlling concentrated erosion and/or reduce sheet and rill erosion from above "T" soil loss tolerance to "T" or below? (RUSLE2 documentation needed)	14
	Will the application include practices to promote plant and soil health by extending the growing season and installing a High Tunnel (325) and/or using live cover (340)?	13
	Will the application result in fencing of sensitive areas such as streams, ponds, springs, forest, sinkholes, etc., or have all sensitive areas been excluded?	11
	Does this application include practice(s) that will facilitate a rotational grazing system that has a minimum of 5 paddocks?	10
	Does this application include installation of alternative livestock watering facilities(614)and Fencing (382) to improve distribution and facilitate prescribed grazing (528)?	9
	Wildlife Habitat Planting, Pollinator or NWSG on Cropland buffers or forest land: Is the applicant planning to establish this ground cover on cropland where the natural seed bank has been depleted?	7
	Tree/Shrub Establishment (612): This application is to establish Hardwoods, Shrubs, or Pines.	6
	This application is to control undesirable species or enhance wildlife habitat by herbaceous weed control, brush management or by prescribe burning.	5
	Is the land under application for EQIP adjacent to an "Impaired Stream" according to ADEM and the application propose to implement conservation practices to improve water quality?	4
	Does the applicant have an approved CNMP?	3
	Does the applicant have an approved Energy plan?	2
	Will the applicant implement an Irrigation Water Management Plan?	1
	None of the above	0

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Marion*	Is the applicant applying for a management practice(s) on an existing timber stand (338,666,315,314 etc.)?	40
	Is the applicant applying for the establishment of white oak, mixed oaks, shortleaf, or longleaf pine?	30
	Will the applicant follow the 528 Prescribed Grazing Standard?	20
	Is the applicant willing to install fencing to exclude livestock from sensitive areas?	10
	None of the Above	0
Marshall*	Do you wish to treat off-site damage and impacts from livestock such as sediment from erosion and/or nutrients and bacteria to water bodies (streams/ponds/wetlands, sinkholes)? Treatment could include livestock exclusion, riparian buffers, stream crossings, filter strips and/or hedgerow planting.	20
	For offered pasture and/or hayland with poor stands or undesirable species on >50% of the acreage in each offered field, is applicant applying to establish desirable perennial forage species on the affected areas?	15
	Is applicant applying to install a meter and/or hookup to municipal water supply or dig a well and install pipeline and trough(s) to provide dependable water source for livestock and facilitate grazing management as opposed to the use of ponds or springs?	8
	Is applicant applying to install a pond to provide a water source for livestock and facilitate grazing management as opposed to the use of watering facilities?	6
	Is the applicant willing to install ball waterers or concrete troughs to provide water for livestock as opposed to galvanized, or open-top plastic watering facility?	5
	Is applicant applying to install terraces, waterways, underground outlets, contour buffer strips, etc. to control erosion on cropland?	15
	Is applicant applying to plant a 3+ species cover crop mix in accordance with EQIP (340) practice code guidelines to achieve improved soil quality?	10
	Is applicant applying to convert Highly Erodible Cropland to a permanent cover such as grass or trees?	8
	Is applicant applying to plant a single species cover crop in accordance with EQIP (340) practice code guidelines to achieve improved soil quality?	8
	Are the majority of offered acres classified as Highly Erodible Land?	5
	None of the above	0

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Morgan*	Is this application on Pastureland ?	40
	Is this application on Forestland use?	30
	Is this application on Cropland?	20
	Is this application on Farmstead?	10
	None of the Above	0
St. Clair*	Will the applicant be applying for funding for prescribed grazing?	11
	Is the applicant installing fence to restrict access to sensitive areas? (streams, ponds, wetlands, etc.)	10
	Does the applicant presently have at least 3 existing paddocks cross-fenced and rotating livestock?	9
	Will the applicant be installing Heavy Use Area Protection for watering facilities, hay rings or feed pads?	8
	Is the applicant planting wildlife food plots in native species?	7
	Is the applicant currently growing a crop?	7
	Is the applicant presently practicing reduced tillage in crop fields?	7
	Is the applicant planting native hardwoods?	7
	Has the applicant previously prescribed burned existing forest stand on a 3-5 year rotation?	7
	Is the application seeking to restore the natural ecosystem for non-commercial purposes?	7
	Is the applicant willing to pre-commercial thin pine stand?	6
	Is active erosion from watering identified?	5
	Are applicants using timers or soil moisture sensors?	4
	Is participant using overhead watering a sprinkler or wobbler nozzle?	3
	Is growing production used as a primary source of income?	2
	None of the above	0
Walker*	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Pasture or Hayed Crop land use?	40
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Forest land use?	30
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Farmstead land use?	20
	Is the majority of planned activities located on the Crop land use?	10
	None of the above	0

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Winston*	Is the applicant applying for a management practice(s) on an existing timber stand (338,666,315,314 etc.)?	40
	Is the applicant applying for the establishment of white oak, mixed oaks, shortleaf, or longleaf pine?	30
	Will the applicant follow the 528 Prescribed Grazing Standard?	20
	Is the applicant willing to install fencing to exclude livestock from sensitive areas?	10
	None of the above	0

Detailed Assessments

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