

USDA Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool NH FY26 EQIP Orford Work Unit

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 NH (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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	6	100
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	6	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	6	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	100
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	6	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	7	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	6	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	6	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	7	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	7	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	6	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	6	100
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	6	100

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Source water depletion)	0	7	100
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	6	100
Water (Weather resilience)	0	7	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 (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 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
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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Fish and Wildlife Habitat Design	144	00N	Activities
Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written	146	00N	CAPs
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
Feral Swine Damage Assessment	297	00N	Activities
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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Irrigation Canal or Lateral	320	00N	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 Farming	330	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Soil Carbon Amendment	336	00N, 01N, 02N	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
Dam, Diversion	348	00N	Conservation Practices
Sediment Basin	350	00N	Conservation Practices
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Controlling Existing Flowing Well	352	00N	Conservation Practices
Monitoring Well	353	00N	Conservation Practices
Groundwater Testing	355	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment Lagoon	359	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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Woody Residue Treatment	384	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Field Ditch	388	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
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	00N	Conservation Practices
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control	400	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
Hillside Ditch	423	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Pipeline	430	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Dry Hydrant	432	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Reservoir	436	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Sprinkler System	442	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	443	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery	447	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Precision Land Forming and Smoothing	462	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Land Leveling	464	00N	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
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	548	00N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Rock Wall Terrace	555	00N	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
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Trails and Walkways	575	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
Stripcropping	585	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
Denitrifying Bioreactor	605	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Subsurface Drain	606	00N	Conservation Practices
Surface Drain, Field Ditch	607	00N	Conservation Practices
Surface Drain, Main or Lateral	608	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Underground Outlet	620	00N	Conservation Practices
Phosphorous Removal System	624	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment	629	00N	Conservation Practices
Vertical Drain	630	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
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
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
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
Amending Soil Properties with Lime	805	00N	Interim 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
Nonruminant Livestock Outdoor Management of Vegetative Cover	822	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Interim Conservation Practices
Organic Management	823	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Strategic Harvested Forage Management	827	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Site Preparation	828	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
TA Planning	910	00N	TSP Codes
TA Design	911	00N	TSP Codes
TA Application	912	00N	TSP Codes
TA Check-Out	913	00N	TSP Codes

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	55	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	10	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: NH FY26 EQIP Orford Work Unit (Active)

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: General Applicability		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application serviced by the Orford work unit?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Categories		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select all applicable categories:	Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BFR)	--
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (SDFR)	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	CPA/DIA/CEMA	--
	Forestry	--
	Cropland	--
	Livestock	--
	Reserve 1	--
	Reserve 2	--
	Reserve 3	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: BFR and SDFR 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

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is Soil Health Testing (CEMA 216) planned in the first and last year of the contract?	Yes	25
	No (uncheck RPP category)	--
By the end of the contract, will all applicable soil and water RCs 'Meet' or 'Exceed' Threshold?	Yes	25
	No (uncheck RPP category)	--
Is the contract a minimum of 5 years in length?	Yes	25
	No (uncheck RPP category)	--
Is at least one Primary Regenerative Management practice included in the application to address a resource concern (Existing or Planned)?	Yes	25
	No (uncheck RPP category)	--

Section: General

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include at least 1 High Priority Practice (PR), as indicated on the Practice Schedule?	YES	15
	NO	0
Does the PLU have an existing ALE or FRPP easement restriction, or is the PLU currently under an ALE application or contract?	YES	5
	NO	0
Does the application intersect a source water protection watershed by at least 51%?	Intersect SWPA	--
	Otherwise	--
Does the application include source water protection (Wp) practices? *	YES	10
	NO	0
Are practices in the application planned using NH-NRCS prescriptive lists to increase energy efficiency on the farm?	YES	20
	NO	0

Section: Forestry*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the PLUs intersect a WLFW NE Turtles Focus area?	Intersects focus area	--
	Otherwise	--
Does the application include Early Successional Habitat Management (647), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Access Control (472), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644), or Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395) to address Terrestrial Habitat for NE Turtles?*	YES	10
	NO	0

Section: Forestry*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the PLUs intersect a WLFW New England Cottontail Focus area?	Intersects NEC Focus area	--
	Otherwise	--
Does the application include Early Successional Habitat Management (647), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), or Forest Stand Improvement (666) to address Terrestrial Habitat for New England Cottontail?*	YES	10
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Cropland/AAL/Water*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the Restoration of Rare and Declining Natural Communities (643) planned in an estuary or coastal environment to address an aquatic habitat or water quality resource concern?	YES	4
	NO	0
Does the application include practices to establish a new buffer on waterbodies to prevent nutrient runoff and sedimentation resource concerns? (Select all that apply)	Riparian Forest Buffer (391) with Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395) to stabilize the streambank	5
	Riparian Forest Buffer (391) only, minimum 35 ft. width	4
	Filter Strip (393)	3
	Other permanent herbaceous cover, such as Conservation Cover (327), Critical Area Planning (342), Pasture and Hay Planting (512), or Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)	2
	No	0
Is Pest Management (595) being implemented to treat plant pest pressure, transportation of pesticides to surface/groundwater, or emissions of particulate matter/ozone precursors resource concerns?	Yes, on a Certified, Certification Exempt, or Transitioning to Organic Farm	4
	Yes	3
	No	0
Will this application transition the land unit to Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441) from a less efficient form of irrigation, such as traveling gun or overhead, and result in reduced water use?	YES	4
	NO	0
Are perennial pollinator plantings, such as Conservation Cover (327), Wildlife Habitat Planting (420), Tree and Shrub Planting (612), or Hedgerow Planting (422), planned as part of this application on, or adjacent to crops that require pollination and there is a terrestrial habitat (invertebrate) resource concern?	YES	4
	NO	0
Is a High Tunnel System (325) or Low Tunnel System (821) planned to extend the growing season and/or improve plant productivity and health? (Select any that apply)	Yes, on a Certified, Certification Exempt, or Transitioning to Organic Farm	1
	Yes, on a farm that does not currently operate high tunnels	3
	Yes, on a farm that already operates at least one high tunnel (does not have to be NRCS funded)	2
	No	0

Section: Cropland/AAL/Water*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will a seasonally high water table in field crops be lowered through the installation of Subsurface Drainage (606) that will not impact wetlands (wetlands located by Soil Scientists)?	Yes, field drainage in orchards, vineyards, and berry crops where there is evidence of rutting, root disease, and/or plant mortality	4
	Yes, field drainage on other cropland types	1
	No, or associated only with other structural practices	0
Crop Rotation (328) planned in the application will be implemented in the following way:	Annual crops are planned in rotation with perennial crops, such as Pasture and Hay Planting (512)	3
	Multiple annual cash crops in rotation. Cover Crops (340) are planned between cash crops as needed	2
	A single annual crop and Cover Crop (340) in rotation	1
	Crop Rotation (328) is not planned	0
Cover Crops (340) planned in the application will be implemented following way:	Advanced - Planted to supply nitrogen (legume) to the following crop, reduce soil compaction (deep rooted), provide beneficial insect habitat, interseeded, or grazed as forage directly by livestock (Must follow NH Cover Crop Planting Specifications).	5
	Basic - Planted behind a cash crop, typically cereal grains, for soil erosion, nutrient scavenging, and organic matter resource concerns. All residue remains in the field after termination.	3
	Harvested - Cover crop residue is removed from the field as forage or clean straw (not grain)	1
	Cover Crop (340) is not planned	0
Is Soil Carbon Amendment (336) planned on tilled soils with low organic matter, sandy soil textures, or negative SCI scores?	YES	4
	NO	0
Will Nutrient Management (590) be implemented in the application based on a current NMP/CNMP?	Advanced - Improves nutrient use efficiency through manure injection, in-season nitrogen testing, and/or slow-release fertilizers (coated/urease inhibitors)	5
	Basic - Includes only required NMP elements, such as prescribed application rates and setbacks from sensitive areas (surface water, wells, and wetlands) when present	3
	Nutrient Management (590) is not planned or there isn't a current NMP/CNMP	0

Section: Livestock*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application includes practices recommended in an existing Grazing Management Plan that meets NRCS requirements.	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: Livestock*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many years of Grazing Management (528) are in the application?	4-5 years AND is paired with CEMA 219	5
	4-5 years	4
	2-3 years AND is paired with CEMA 219	3
	2-3 years	2
	1 year or not planned	0
Are there current soil tests (3 years or newer) on all pastures where Pasture and Hay Planting (512) and/or Amending Soil Properties with Lime (805) are planned?	Yes	4
	No, but CEMA 217 is planned in the application (for 512 only)	2
	No, or 512 and 805 are not planned	0
Is Fence (382) planned in the application to remove or restrict animal access to surface water, wetlands, or sensitive areas?	Permanent fence + planted buffer	6
	Temporary fence + planted buffer	4
	Permanent fence + setback only (natural regeneration)	3
	Temporary fence + setback only (natural regeneration)	2
	No	0
Is Brush Management (314) or Herbaceous Weed Control (315) planned in the application to address invasive plants on pasture?	YES	3
	NO	0
Are livestock being brought out of a confinement system to be grazed on pasture during the growing season using Grazing Management (528)?	YES	4
	NO	0
Is cropland being converted to pasture with the practices in this application?	Yes, Pasture and Hay Planting (512) is planned to convert annually planted cropland to pasture	4
	Yes, hayfield is being converted to a pasture	2
	No	0

Section: Farmstead*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are there practices in the application that result in improvements on farmstead to address a water quality resource concern?	Both structural and vegetative practices	4
	Yes, structural practices only	2
	Yes, vegetative practices only	1
	No	0
With regard to applications containing energy efficiency practices, how many NRCS NH prescriptive energy practices are included? (Select one)	2 or more	4
	1	2
	None	0

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Regenerative Pilot Program*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many primary regenerative primary practices are planned this application?	3 or more	9
	1-2	7
	0 (only existing primary regenerative practices are included in this application)	0

Section: Forestry*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include Forest Stand Improvement (666) to address the Plant Productivity and Health or Plant Structure and Composition resource concerns?	Yes, and the Forest Stand Improvement planned is rehabilitation of degraded stands.	7
	Yes, and the Forest Stand Improvement planned is poletimber chainsaw thinning.	4
	Yes, Forest Stand Improvement planned but will not be rehabilitation of degraded stands or poletimber chainsaw thinning.	2
	No, Forest Stand Improvement is not planned to address Plant Productivity and Health or Plant Structure and Composition.	0
Will all cut material be left on site?	Yes	2
	No	0
Does the application control invasives (Brush Management (314) or another NRCS practice) to address Plant Pest Pressure or Plant Structure and Composition RCs on the same footprint or directly adjacent to an area where Forest Stand Improvement (666) is planned?	Yes	4
	No	0
Does the application include Forest Trails and Landings (655), Forest/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654), or Access Road (560) to address Soil Resource Concerns? (Select one)	Yes, 654 is a Primary Practice for the permanent closure of a trail/road that goes through a wetland or hydric soils.	10
	Yes, 655/560 is a Primary Practice for stabilization or closeout of existing gully erosion on a forest road, trail, or landing.	7
	Yes, 655/560 is a Primary Practice for stabilization or closeout of existing sheet and rill erosion on a forest road, trail, or landing.	5
	Yes, 655/560 is a Supporting Practice to create new forest/access roads, forest trails, landings, or temporary stream crossings.	0
	No, 655, 654, or 560 are not included in this application.	0
Select all practices included in the application that address an Aquatic Habitat Resource Concern to improve connectivity or habitat on perennial streams:	Dam Removal	10
	Full removal of culvert no replacement	6
	Culvert removal replaced with bridge or arch culvert (natural bottom)	5
	Stream Habitat and Management (395)	3
	Riparian Buffer (391)	3
	None of the above practices are planned.	0

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What practices in this application address a Terrestrial Wildlife resource concern? Select all that apply.	Cutting (for example, with excavator mounted mower) young forest areas that have developed closed canopy, shading out dense understory vegetation	3
	Wildlife-focused forest management (666) with the goal of providing missing vegetation layers	3
	Delayed mowing of old fields to maintain late season forbs and woody plants for wildlife.	1
	None of the above practices are planned.	0
Does the application include Forest Management Assessment (223)?	Yes, it is planned on land with an existing FMP to evaluate or re-evaluate a disturbance, timber harvest, or other management activity that occurred after the FMP was written.	12
	Yes, it is planned to evaluate forestland where no forest management plan currently exists.	7
	Yes, it is planned to update an existing management plan where no management has occurred since the plan was written.	2
	No	0
Does the application include practices that address Plant Productivity and Health or Plant Structure and Composition RCs by encouraging the natural regeneration of desirable tree species? (Select all that apply)	Woody Residue Treatment (384) is planned to create slash walls	4
	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490) is planned for scarification or similar technique	4
	Woody Residue Treatment (384) is planned to create slash blankets	4
	None of the above	0
Does the application include Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation (372) to install a sap pre-heater or reverse osmosis unit (where one does not currently exist) to address Inefficient Energy Use RCs?	YES	7
	NO	0

Section: CPA/DIA/CEMA*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application only for a CPA/DIA/CEMA (no other practices)?*	Yes	10
	No (uncheck CPA/DIA/CEMA category)	0
Is a CPA/DIA/CEMA planned to update an existing plan, or for property with no existing plan?*	There is no existing plan(s).	5
	Multiple CPAs/DIAs/CEMAs are planned for multiple properties - some do not have an existing plan and some are updates to existing plans.	4
	This will update an existing plan(s) that is outdated (>10 years old for Forestry and >3 yrs old for Ag).	3
	No	0

Detailed Assessments

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