

# Ranking Pool Report

**Ranking Pool** FY26 NE Area EQIP  
Ranking

**Program** EQIP

**Pool Status** Active

**Tags** HU

**Template** EQIP

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**Existing Practice Included** Yes

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**National Pool** No

**Include States** NY (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     | 5         | 100   |
| Animals (Aquatic habitat)                          | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Animals (Livestock production limitation)          | 0     | 5         | 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     | 10        | 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     | 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   |

## 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     | 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    |
| 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    |

| Practice Name                                | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type          |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Agricultural Energy Assessment               | 228           | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Controlling Existing Flowing Well            | 352           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices |
| Monitoring Well                              | 353           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices |

| Practice Name                                      | Practice Code | Practice Narratives               | Practice Type          |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Groundwater Testing                                | 355           | 00N                               | Conservation Practices |
| 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 |
| Field Operations Emissions Reduction               | 376           | 00N                               | 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 |
| Fishpond Management                                | 399           | 00N                               | Conservation Practices |
| Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control    | 400           | 00N                               | Conservation Practices |

| Practice Name                                                  | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |
| Dry Hydrant                                                    | 432           | 00N                 | 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 |
| 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 |
| Sinkhole Treatment                                             | 527           | 00N                 | 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 |

| Practice Name                       | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Terrace                             | 600           | 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 |
| 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 |

| Practice Name                                        | Practice Code | Practice Narratives     | Practice Type                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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         |
| Upland Wildlife Habitat Management                   | 645           | 00N, 01N                | Conservation Practices         |
| Seasonal Water Management for Wildlife               | 646           | 00N                     | 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         |
| Wetland Restoration                                  | 657           | 00N, 01N                | Conservation Practices         |
| Wetland Creation                                     | 658           | 00N                     | 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         |
| Raised Beds                                          | 812           | 00N                     | Interim Conservation Practices |
| Low Tunnel Systems                                   | 821           | 00N                     | Interim Conservation Practices |

| Practice Name                                                | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 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            | 50      | 60            |
| Program Priorities       | Default        | 5             | 15      | 15            |
| Efficiencies             | Default        | 10            | 10      | 10            |

## Display Group: NY FY26 NE Area Ranking Questions (Active)



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

## Survey: FY26 NY Area Applicability Questions

| Section: FY26 Area Applicability question*                                                                                                                        |                |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Question                                                                                                                                                          | Answer Choices | Points |
| Does the applicant wish to implement practices on a land use other than Developed Land AND the land primarily located with in the North East Administrative area? | Yes            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | Otherwise      |        |

## Survey: FY26 NY Area Category Questions

| Section: FY26 Category questions* |                |        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Question                          | Answer Choices | Points |

## Section: FY26 Category questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Answer Choices                                  | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| On which land use is it the primary goal of the planned practices to improve identified resource concerns?                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cropland                                        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Farmstead                                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Forestry                                        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pasture                                         |        |
| Does the Participant wish to apply for funding through the Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)?                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)                |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Otherwise                                       |        |
| Is this application for the creation of a CPA, DIA, CEMA or combination of those three only?                                                                                                                                                                                                  | CPA/DIA/CEMA                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Otherwise                                       |        |
| Which of the following Categories are applicable to the application?                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Wildlife                                        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Tribal                                          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | High Tunnel                                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Urban                                           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Beginning Farmer or Rancher (BFR)               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher (SDFR) |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Reserve Category 1                              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Reserve Category 2                              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Reserve Category 3                              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Not Applicable                                  |        |
| Are practices in the application predominantly practices which are identified in the NWQI watershed assessment?*                                                                                                                                                                              | NWQI-National Water Quality Initiative          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Otherwise                                       |        |
| Does the application include at least one core GWWA practice OR complete a conservation system that supports core practices already applied and practices in the application are predominantly practices which contribute to the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of GWWA habitat?* | WLFW- Golden-Winged Warbler (GWWA)              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Otherwise                                       |        |

## Survey: FY26 NY Area Program Questions

## Section: FY26 EQIP General Questions

| Question                                                                                                               | Answer Choices | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Does the PLU intersect the national WLFW GWWA project boundary layer filename WLFW_Golden-Winged_Warbler_ProjectBndy?* | Yes            |        |
|                                                                                                                        | No             |        |
| Do the PLUs included in the application intersect the NWQI national layer of watersheds by at least 50%?               | Yes            |        |
|                                                                                                                        | No             |        |
| Are at least 50% of the PLUs in the application within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed? use CD Layer ChesapeakeBay_a_NY.  | Yes            |        |
|                                                                                                                        | Otherwise      |        |

## Section: FY26 EQIP General Questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Answer Choices                                 | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Based on the Counties Local Working Group meeting, according to the CART results how many of the top 3 Resource Concern(s) are currently not meeting planning criteria AND will be made to improve the resource concern with the implementation of this application? | NA, LWG choose not to select Resource Concerns |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0 Resource Concerns                            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 Resource Concern                             |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 Resource Concerns                            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3 Resource Concerns                            |        |
| Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)? *                                                                                                                                                                                  | YES                                            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                             |        |
| 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                                            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                             |        |
| Is it the primary goal of the participant to improve wildlife habitat through the implementation of this application? *                                                                                                                                              | YES                                            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                             |        |
| Is the practice High Tunnel (CPS 325) planned for implementation in this application?                                                                                                                                                                                | YES                                            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                             |        |

## Section: FY26 Farmstead Program Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Answer Choices          | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Does this application include the closure of a documented environmentally unsound manure storage structure?                                                                                                                      | YES                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO                      |        |
| Does this application include practices that will increase the duration of waste storage for the operation?                                                                                                                      | YES                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO                      |        |
| Does this application include practices that will treat resource concerns associated with a documented contaminated well to go from not met to met?                                                                              | YES                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO                      |        |
| Does this application include practices that will cause nutrient resource concerns to go from not met to met in a watershed/stream with documented impairments?                                                                  | YES                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO                      |        |
| Does the operation CURRENTLY have less than 3 months of waste storage for the entire operation?*                                                                                                                                 | YES                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO                      |        |
| What is the planned duration of waste storage for the operation after implementation of the planned practices in the application?*                                                                                               | Less than 3 months      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3 to less than 6 months |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6 to 8 months           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8 to 12 months or more  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Not Applicable          |        |
| Will this application install practices related to the treatment of non-manure agricultural waste on the operation without installation of a manure storage? ex. 635 vegetated treatment area or other non-manure waste system * | YES                     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO                      |        |

## Section: FY26 Farmstead Program Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                              | Answer Choices                                                            | Points |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Does the farm currently follow an approved manure allocation plan that provides a nutrient balance based on NY590?                                                                                    | Yes, and CNMP/NMP documents following Basic NY590                         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Yes, and Advanced NY590 is included in application on at least one field. |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No, but NY590 is planned in the application                               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Not applicable                                                            |        |
| Will waste treatment/management technologies such as Cap and Flare, Waste Separation, Anaerobic Digester, etc. (not including 313 waste storage practices) be implemented through this application? * | YES                                                                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | NO                                                                        |        |

## Section: FY26 Pasture Programs Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer Choices | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Does this application include practices that will cause nutrient related resource concerns to meet/exceed planning criteria in a watershed/aquifer with documented impairments related to agriculture? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO             |        |
| Will the practices in this application cause more than one resource concern to go from not meeting planning criteria to meeting/exceeding planning criteria?                                           | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO             |        |
| Will practices in this application establish permanent cover on previously tilled ground?                                                                                                              | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO             |        |
| Does this application include exclusion of livestock for all hydrologically sensitive areas on the operation, such as: wetlands, streams, hydric soils, sink holes, etc.?                              | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Forestry Programs Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Answer Choices | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Will this application result in the full implementation of an accepted FMP that addresses all documented soil erosion, water quality, degraded plant condition, and inadequate wildlife habitat resource concerns as identified in the FMP on all land enrolled in the contract? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO             |        |
| Are practices included in this application supported by an NRCS approved forest inventory and data assessment OR equivalent plan?                                                                                                                                                | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO             |        |
| How many Resource Concerns, according to the CART Assessment, are documented as not meeting NRCS Planning Criteria but through this application will met or exceed planning criteria?                                                                                            | 5 or more      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 - 3          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0              |        |
| Have one or more documented high-grade cuts occurred in the past thirty years that can be attributed to creating the current resource concerns found in the forest stands being considered in this EQIP application?                                                             | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Cropland Programs Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Answer Choices | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| If installing a buffer to protect a watercourse/waterbody, will all watercourse/waterbodies included on all land in the application be buffered? *                                                                                                                          | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Does this application include practices that will improve nutrient concerns adjacent to an impaired water course, waterbody, or within a aquifer with documented impairments related to agriculture? *                                                                      | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Will planned practices in this application improve the Soil Quality Limitations resource concerns? *                                                                                                                                                                        | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Will the products grown within the High Tunnel be supplied to schools or non-profit local community initiative as part of an established Farm to School or other local food initiative? *                                                                                   | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| At the time of application, does the applicant have an established off-farm market for a current farm enterprise that a High Tunnel will benefit by extending the growing season or improving plant condition of a crop type consistent with the current farm enterprise? * | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Will the planned practices be installed in an area designated as a food desert, per the USDA-Economic Research Service (ERS) Food Access Research Atlas?*                                                                                                                   | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| If installing a buffer to protect a watercourse/waterbody, will all watercourse/waterbodies included on all land in the application be buffered? *                                                                                                                          | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Does this application include practices that will improve nutrient concerns adjacent to an impaired water course, waterbody, or within a aquifer with documented impairments related to agriculture? *                                                                      | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Will planned practices in this application improve the Soil Quality Limitations resource concerns?*                                                                                                                                                                         | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| Will practices planned in this application result in the controlled release of runoff waters?*                                                                                                                                                                              | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NO             |        |
| How many resource concerns, based on an NRCS approved conservation plan, will go from not meeting planning criteria to meeting or exceeding planning criteria through this application? *                                                                                   | 4 or more      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2 - 3          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1              |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 0              |        |

## Section: FY26 CPA/DIA/CEMA Programs Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                      | Answer Choices | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Planning Activity (CPA), Design and Implementation Activity (DIA) or Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity (CEMA)? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Wildlife Programs Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                | Answer Choices | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Will the planned practices result in the restoration or enhancement of wildlife habitat for a Federal or State listed endangered or threatened species? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                         | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Wildlife Programs Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Answer Choices    | Points |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Using the appropriate assessment tool (WHEG, PHSI, SVAP or Working Lands for Wildlife WHEG), what is the difference between the benchmark habitat index score and the planned habitat index score?                                                                                  | >0.5 increase     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | >0.4-0.5 increase |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | >0.3-0.4 increase |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | >0.2-0.3 increase |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 0.2 or less       |        |
| Are the PLUs 100% located in either the NY Grassland Bird focus area, Monarch Butterfly focus area in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, NY Golden-winged Warbler focus area or New England Cottontail focus area, and the habitat restoration is targeted towards these species? | YES               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NO                |        |
| Are each PLU associated with this application covered with less than 10% invasive plant species?                                                                                                                                                                                    | YES               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NO                |        |

## Section: FY26 Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) Program Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Answer Choices                                       | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| How many of the primary regenerative management practices, not including CEMA 216, does the participant wish to implement?                                                                                           | 5 or more practices                                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4 practices                                          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 - 3 practices                                      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 practice                                           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0 practices                                          |        |
| If installing a buffer to protect a watercourse/waterbody, will all watercourse/waterbodies included on all land in the application be buffered?                                                                     | YES                                                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                                   |        |
| Will Nutrient Management (CPS 590) be applied through the implementation of this application?                                                                                                                        | Yes, Basic 590 is included in this application       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes, and Advanced 590 is included in the application |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Not Applicable                                       |        |
| Is the location of the resource concern that is being improved, located on a priority soil as defined on the Soil Priority List?                                                                                     | YES                                                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                                   |        |
| Have one or more documented high-grade cuts occurred in the past thirty years that can be attributed to creating the current resource concerns found in the forest stands being considered in this EQIP application? | YES                                                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                                   |        |

## Survey: FY26 NY Area Resource Questions

## Section: FY26 NWQI Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                     | Answer Choices  | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Do the PLUs intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment? | Intersects      |        |
|                                                                                              | No Intersection |        |

## Section: FY26 WLFW GWWA Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                             | Answer Choices                                                                                         | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Does the PLU intersect the priority area for conservation (PAC) filename WLFW_Golden-Winged_Warbler_PriorityArea_FY21 in the CART geoportal?         | PLU intersects a PAC                                                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | PLU is within 4 miles of a PAC                                                                         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | PLU is within 9 miles of a PAC                                                                         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | PLU is within 15 miles of a PAC                                                                        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Any other answer                                                                                       |        |
| Has a site survey/database documented GWWA on or near the PLU in the past 3 years?                                                                   | GWWA occurrence documented on the PLU within 3 years                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | GWWA occurrence documented within 1 mile of the PLU                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | GWWA occurrence documented within 2 miles of the PLU                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Any other answer                                                                                       |        |
| Are primary threat, Loss of young forests habitat within eastern deciduous forests, being addressed on the PLU?                                      | Within 1.5 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Within 4 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Within 9 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 5 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Within 15 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Any other answer                                                                                       |        |
| Is the primary threat, Lack of management in active seasonally occupied breeding habitat, being addressed on the PLU?                                | Habitat conditions on the PLU are degrading below GWWA nesting state                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Habitat conditions within 1.5 miles of the PLU are degrading below GWWA nesting state                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Does not app                                                                                           |        |
| Does the larger landscape surrounding the PLU have other young forest habitat, old fields, natural shrub wetlands, or a regeneration timber harvest? | Yes, within 4 miles                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Yes, within 9 miles                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | Yes, within 15 miles                                                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | No                                                                                                     |        |
| Does the area surrounding the project contain no development within 1000 feet?                                                                       | YES                                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                      | NO                                                                                                     |        |

## Section: FY26 Farmstead Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                         | Answer Choices | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Does this application improve ground water resource concerns above an identified aquifer?                                        | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                  | NO             |        |
| Is the location of the resource concern that is being improved, located on a priority soil as defined on the Soil Priority List? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                  | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Farmstead Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Answer Choices    | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Does the conservation plan identify specific instances of sinkholes or karst topography within the spreadable acres, which will be improved by practices included in this application and at least basic 590 is being implemented through this application?                             | YES               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | NO                |        |
| What is the length of vegetated flow path containing manure, milkhous waste, bunk leachate, and/or animal mortality leachate from the water quality resource concern improved in this application to the watercourse/waterbody? (not applicable to field application of waste products) | 0 to 99 ft        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 100 to 199 ft     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 200 to 299 ft     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 300 to 399 ft     |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 400 ft or more    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Not Applicable    |        |
| What is the highest NYSDEC classification of a stream located within a 400-foot vegetated flow path of a documented farmstead resource concern?                                                                                                                                         | Class A or Higher |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Class B           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Class C (Ts)      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Class C (T)       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Class C           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Not Applicable    |        |

## Section: FY26 Pasture Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer Choices                | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Will all water quality concerns resulting from a livestock holding/concentration area be eliminated on the farming operation, through implementation of practices in this application? | YES                           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                            |        |
| If installing fence to exclude livestock from a watercourse/waterbody, how far from the top of bank will the fence be installed on all watercourse/waterbodies in the grazing system?  | 14 Feet or less on average    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | 15-34 Feet on average         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | 35 Feet or Greater on average |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | Not Applicable                |        |
| Pasture has a diverse mixture of grasses and legumes and/or has been reseeded within the last 5 years to a pasture seed mix                                                            | YES                           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                            |        |
| Will the farms grazing forage supply deficit be improved with the addition of cover crop grazing to the pasture system, following a prescribed grazing plan?                           | YES                           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                            |        |
| Does this application include practices to eliminate unlimited livestock access from a NYSDEC classified stream?                                                                       | Class A or better             |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | Class B                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | Class C (Ts)                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | Class C (T)                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | Class C                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        | Not applicable                |        |

## Section: FY26 Forestry Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                     | Answer Choices                            | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Will practices planned in this application cause the resource concern classic gully erosion to go from not meeting planning criteria to meeting/exceeding planning criteria? | YES                                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | NO                                        |        |
| Will woody debris on the forest floor of the stands being considered in this EQIP application be increased through planned practices                                         | YES                                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | NO                                        |        |
| Is each stand associated with this application covered with less than 10% invasive plant species?                                                                            | YES                                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | NO                                        |        |
| Does this application include practices to treat sediment transported to surface water, impacting a perennial stream or waterbody?                                           | YES                                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | NO                                        |        |
| Which of the following resource concerns will go from not meeting planning criteria to meeting/exceeding planning criteria with implementation of planned practices?         | Plant Productivity and Health             |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Plant Structure and Composition           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Plant Pest Pressure                       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Wildfire Hazard from Biomass Accumulation |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | Not Applicable                            |        |

## Section: FY26 Cropland Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                  | Answer Choices                                        | Points |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Which of the following practices are planned through this application to improve the resource concern sheet and rill erosion?                                                             | Cover Crop (340)                                      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Residue and Tillage Management (329 or 345)           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Strip Cropping (585)                                  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contour Farming or Contour Buffer Strips (330 or 332) |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)             |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Not Applicable                                        |        |
| Are practices in this application documented to reduce tillage intensity by implementing reduced tillage or no-till practices for each crop in the crop rotation for at least one field?* | YES                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | NO                                                    |        |
| Does this application improve resource concerns associated with Karst geology?                                                                                                            | YES                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | NO                                                    |        |
| Does this application include the establishment of at least one buffer, per NRCS CPS, between cropland and a hydrologically sensitive area?                                               | YES                                                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | NO                                                    |        |
| If this application includes practices that improve ephemeral or classic gully erosion, within how many feet uphill of a watercourse/waterbody does the erosion occur?                    | 0 to 200 ft                                           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | More than 200 ft                                      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Not Applicable                                        |        |

## Section: FY26 Cropland Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                    | Answer Choices                                                             | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| On fields that are improving a soil erosion or water quality resource concern to meet or exceed planning criteria, what is the slope of the predominant soils included in this application? | 0-3% Slope                                                                 |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | >3-8% Slope                                                                |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | >8% Slope, Soil on Priority soils list Or on Long Island                   |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Not Applicable                                                             |        |
| Does this application include practices to install vegetation to act as a buffer for manure/fertilizer application from a NYSDEC classified stream?                                         | Class A or Better                                                          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Class B                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Class C (Ts or T)                                                          |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Class C                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Not Applicable                                                             |        |
| What level of Nutrient Management will be implemented through this application?                                                                                                             | Basic                                                                      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Incorporation/Injection                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Prescription Nutrient Efficiency, Precision Nutrient Application, Adaptive |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | N/A or CAFO already applying basic                                         |        |
| What is the natural slope of the ground on which the High Tunnel will be installed? *                                                                                                       | Natural 0-1% slope                                                         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Natural >1-3% slope                                                        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | Natural >3-5% slope                                                        |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                             | The natural site needs to be graded to meet maximum allowed 5% slope       |        |

## Section: FY26 High Tunnel Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                | Answer Choices | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Is the natural slope of the ground on which the High Tunnel is planned to be installed on, greater than a 5% slope?*                                    | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                         | NO             |        |
| How many High Tunnels will the participant have control over after implementation of planned practices? (include all existing and planned high tunnels) | 1 to 2         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                         | 3 to 4         |        |
|                                                                                                                                                         | 5 or more      |        |

## Section: FY26 CPA/DIA/CEMA Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                        | Answer Choices | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Is the program application for development of a targeted Conservation Planning Activity, Design and Implementation Activity or Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Wildlife Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                       | Answer Choices | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Does the area surrounding the project contain no development within 1000 feet? | YES            |        |
|                                                                                | NO             |        |

## Section: FY26 Wildlife Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer Choices                                                                         | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Is the project establishing native grassland, wetland, pollinator, or forest (includes shrubland) habitat?                                                                                             | YES                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                     |        |
| If establishing or managing grassland, wetland, or pollinator habitat, has the site been in row crop production within the last two crop years?                                                        | YES                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                     |        |
| If establishing or managing habitat for grassland dependent bird species                                                                                                                               | Field Perimeter to Area Ratio (perimeter ft/area ft <sup>2</sup> ) is <0.005           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Field Perimeter to Area Ratio (perimeter ft/area ft <sup>2</sup> ) is 0.005 to <0.008? |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Not Applicable OR greater than 0.008                                                   |        |
| If creating young forest (shrubland) habitat, does the project site contain a mix of non-hydric and hydric soils OR does the site contain a riparian area that will be managed for declining wildlife? | YES                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                     |        |
| Do any forest stands considered in this application currently include alder or aspen that will be regenerated by the planned practices?                                                                | YES                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                     |        |
| Will the proposed project create wildlife habitat in mature forest by increasing native plant structure, large woody debris AND den or snag trees?                                                     | YES                                                                                    |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                     |        |

## Section: FY26 Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                               | Answer Choices    | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Does this application include practices to install vegetation to act as a buffer for manure/fertilizer application from a NYSDEC classified stream?                    | Class A or Better |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | Class B           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | Class C (Ts or T) |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | Class C           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | Not Applicable    |        |
| If this application includes practices that improve ephemeral or classic gully erosion, within how many feet uphill of a watercourse/waterbody does the erosion occur? | 0 to 200 ft       |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | More than 200 ft  |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | Not Applicable    |        |
| Is the location of the resource concern that is being improved, located on a priority soil as defined on the Soil Priority List?                                       | YES               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                |        |
| Will practices in this application improve resource concern components associated with nutrients and/or pesticides in ground or surface waters?                        | YES               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                |        |
| Does this application include practices to reduce sediment transported to surface water?                                                                               | YES               |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                |        |

## Detailed Assessments

| Name | Type | Jurisdiction | Status |
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