

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY26 West Area EQIP
Ranking

Program EQIP

Pool Status Active

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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: FY26 West Area EQIP Ranking (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 West 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 ²) is <0.005	
	Field Perimeter to Area Ratio (perimeter ft/area ft ²) 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

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