

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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	20	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	50	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	5	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: AZ FY 26 Tribal Land (Draft)

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Application Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application on tribal land in Arizona?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

Section: Category Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Which of the following categories is the applicant eligible to apply for potential funding under?	Crop	--
	Dryland Crop	--
	Pasture	--
	Range	--
	Forest	--
	Multiple Land Use	--
	NAQI	--
	Beginning Farmer/ Rancher	--
	Wildlife	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	Reserve 1 (Disaster)	--
	Reserve 2	--
	Reserve 3	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: EQIP Tribal General/ SDFR*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Has this application been previously deferred?	YES	10
	NO	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-100
	NO	0
Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	YES, in Source Water Protection Area. Use SWP Practice Scenarios if applicable.	50
	NO, not in Source Water Protection Area	--
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer of rancher (VFR)?	YES	20
	NO	--
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentive Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	20
	NO	--
Will the proposed project address locally identified resource concerns?	YES	100
	NO	--

Section: Beginning Farmer Rancher (BFR)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Has the application previously been deferred?	YES	10
	NO	--
Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	YES, in Source Water Protection Area. Use SWP Practice Scenarios if applicable.	50
	NO, not in Source Water Protection Area	--
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer of rancher (VFR)?	YES	20
	NO	--
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentive Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	20
	NO	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-100
	NO	--
Does the application include state priority resource concerns?	YES	100
	NO	--

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is soil health testing (CEMA 216) planned in the first and last year of the contract, at a minimum?	YES	40
	NO	--
By the end of the contract, will all soil and water resource concerns be at a 'Met' or 'Exceed' threshold in CART?	YES	40
	NO	--
Does the application include a whole farm assessment?	YES	40
	NO	--
Is the contract a minimum of 5 years in length?	YES	40
	NO	--
Will at least one primary regenerative practice be implemented by the end of the contract?	YES	40
	NO	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-100
	NO	--

Section: NAQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: NAQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Has the application previously been deferred?	YES	10
	NO	--
Did the applicant self-certify as a historically underserved farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application? (Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher, Beginning Farmer or Rancher, Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher, or Veteran Farmer or Rancher)	YES	20
	NO	--
Does the application include any of the following practices?	YES, only 1	30
	YES, 2 or 3	60
	YES, 4 or more	120
	NO	0
Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	YES, in Source Water Protection Area. Use SWP Practice Scenarios if applicable.	50
	NO, not in Source Water Protection Area	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-100
	NO	--

Section: Wildlife*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-100
	NO	--
Is this application pollinator focused?	YES	--
	NO	--
Does this application include a wildlife management practice?	YES	190
	NO	--
Has this application been previously deferred?	YES	10
	NO	--

Section: Reserve 1 (Disaster)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the State Conservationist approve the use of Reserve Category 1 (Disaster)?	YES	--
	NO	-200

Section: Reserve 1 (Disaster)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include any of the practices from the approved disaster practice list?	YES, only 1	40
	YES, 2 or 3	75
	YES, 4 or more	150
	NO	0
Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	SWPA	50
	Otherwise	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-200
	NO	--

Section: Reserve 2*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the State Conservationist approve the use of Reserve Category 2?	YES	150
	NO	--
Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	SWPA	50
	Otherwise	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-200
	NO	--

Section: Reserve 3*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the State Conservationist approve the use of Reserve Category 3?	YES	150
	NO	--
Is the application in a Source Water Protection Area?	SWPA	50
	Otherwise	--
Has the applicant had a contract in any NRCS program terminated for reasons within their control in the last two years; OR does the applicant have an existing contract in any NRCS program that has been determined to be in noncompliance for reasons within their control, and is currently under an active NRCS-CPA-153; OR is NRCS aware that the applicant has failed to properly operate and maintain conservation practices or activities that were installed with program financial assistance and are still within their lifespan?	YES	-200
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Crop*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the planned practices increase irrigation efficiency?	The application will increase irrigation efficiency <10%	25
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency 10-20%	75
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency >20%	150
	Not applicable	--
Does the application address soil quality?	YES	50
	NO	--
Will the proposed project address erosion resource concerns including sheet, rill, wind erosion, or concentrated erosion?	YES	50
	NO	--

Section: Crop Dryland*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
B1. Will the proposed project address degraded plant condition?	YES	40
	NO	--
B2. Will the proposed project use existing topographical characteristics of land in determining farm design preserving topsoil?	YES	40
	NO	--
B3. Will Residue and Tillage Management be contracted for two growing seasons to help address a high rate of potential evapotranspiration, low organic matter levels, and rains which fall mostly as heavy showers and are lost to run-off?	YES	40
	NO	--
B4. Will the proposed project address Naturally Available Moisture Use by land use which does not limit the sustainable and beneficial use of the water resource?	YES	40
	NO	--
B5. Will the proposed project utilize plants adapted to the site, meet production goals, this includes addressing pollinators and beneficial insects and do not negatively impact other resources?	YES	40
	NO	--

Section: Pasture*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health resource concern be addressed with planned practice Prescribed Grazing (528)?	YES	75
	NO	--
Will Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage be addressed by including planned practice Forage and Biomass Planting (512) inter-seeding legumes on 25% of the eligible pastureland acres?	YES	75
	NO	--
Will the planned practices increase irrigation efficiency?	The application will increase irrigation efficiency <10%	10
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency 10-20%	25
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency >20%	50

Section: Range*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is a grazing management (528) included in the proposed project?	YES	50
	NO	--
Will Deferred Grazing occur in the proposed project?	1 to 2 years	25
	3 to 5 years	50
	No deferment of grazing	--
Is Livestock Inadequate Water: Quantity, Quality & Distribution Addressed?	YES	50
	NO	--
Will brush management (314) be applied on the application acres where woody species have been determined to be invasive per the ESD?	YES	50
	NO	--

Section: Forest*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is Wildfire Hazard Resource Concern Addressed?	YES	50
	NO	--
Is excessive pest pressure (ie bark beetle/ mistletoe) addressed?	YES	50
	NO	--
Does the application improve understory conditions?	YES	50
	NO	--
Does the application include Silvicultural Prescription?	YES	50
	NO	--

Section: Multiple Land Use*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
What combination of land uses are included in the application?	Crop and Range	--
	Crop and Pasture	--
	Crop and Forest	--
	Range and Pasture	--
	Range and Forest	--
	Forest and Pasture	--
	Dryland Crop and Range	--
Crop: Will the planned practices increase irrigation efficiency?*	The application will increase irrigation efficiency <10%	12.5
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency 10-20%	37.5
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency >20%	75
	Not applicable	--

Section: Multiple Land Use*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Crop: Does the application address soil quality?*	YES	25
	NO	--
Crop: Will the proposed project address erosion resource concerns including sheet, rill, wind erosion, or concentrated erosion?*	YES	25
	NO	--
Crop Dryland: Will the proposed project address degraded plant condition?*	YES	20
	NO	--
Crop Dryland: Will the proposed project use existing topographical characteristics of land in determining farm design preserving topsoil?*	YES	20
	NO	--
Crop Dryland: Will Residue and Tillage Management be contracted for two growing seasons to help address a high rate of potential evapotranspiration, low organic matter levels, and rains which fall mostly as heavy showers and are lost to run-off?*	YES	20
	NO	--
Crop Dryland: Will the proposed project address Naturally Available Moisture Use by land use which does not limit the sustainable and beneficial use of the water resource?*	YES	20
	NO	--
Crop Dryland: Will the proposed project utilize plants adapted to the site, meet production goals, this includes addressing pollinators and beneficial insects and do not negatively impact other resources?*	YES	20
	NO	--
Pasture: Will Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health resource concern be addressed with planned practice Prescribed Grazing (528)? *	YES	37.5
	NO	--
Pasture: Will Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage be addressed by including planned practice Forage and Biomass Planting (512) inter-seeding legumes on 25% of the eligible pastureland acres?*	YES	37.5
	NO	--
Pasture: Will the planned practices increase irrigation efficiency?*	The application will increase irrigation efficiency <10%	5
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency 10-20%	12.5
	The application will increase irrigation efficiency >20%	25
Range: Is a grazing management (528) included in the proposed project?*	YES	25
	NO	--
Range: Will Deferred Grazing occur in the proposed project?*	1 to 2 years	12.5
	3 to 5 years	25
	No deferment of grazing	--
Range: Is Livestock Inadequate Water: Quantity, Quality & Distribution Addressed?*	YES	25
	NO	--
Range: Will brush management (314) be applied on the application acres where woody species have been determined to be invasive per the ESD? *	YES	25
	NO	--
Forest: Is Wildfire Hazard Resource Concern Addressed?*	YES	25
	NO	--
Forest: Is excessive pest pressure (ie bark beetle/ mistletoe) addressed? *	YES	25
	NO	--

Section: Multiple Land Use*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Forest: Does the application improve understory conditions?*	YES	25
	NO	--
Forest: Does the application include Silvicultural Prescription?*	YES	25
	NO	--

Section: Beginning Farmer/ Rancher*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many state priority resource concerns will be addressed in this application?	None	0
	Only 1	25
	2 or 3	50
	4 or more	100
Will practices be implemented that address specific causes of ground or surface water impairment relating to excessive nutrients?	YES	50
	NO	--
Will practices be implemented that address the conservation of water and declining aquifers, and mitigate drought?	YES	50
	NO	--

Section: Wildlife*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this project intersect a riparian area and improve riparian habitat for wildlife?	YES	45
	NO	--
Wildlife: Does this project improve connectivity for wildlife in Arizona Game & Fish designated wildlife corridors?	YES	24
	NO	--
Wildlife: Does this project include (500) obstruction removal for fence?	YES	24
	NO	--
Wildlife: Does the project include installation of virtual or wildlife friendly fencing?	Virtual Fencing	24
	Wildlife Friendly Fencing	12
	No Fence Planned	--
Wildlife: Will the proposed project address the resource concern-Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife? For the next 3 questions, answer yes to only one.	Contracted conservation practices address available terrestrial wildlife habitat to improve the WHEG score by: >0.3 (50 pts)	24
	Contracted conservation practices address available terrestrial wildlife habitat to improve the WHEG score by: 0.2 to 0.3 (35 pts)	16
	Contracted conservation practices address available terrestrial wildlife habitat to improve the WHEG score by: <0.2 (20 pts)	8
	Contracted conservation practices will not address available terrestrial wildlife habitat.	--

Section: Wildlife*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Wildlife: Will the project include managing watering facilities to be left on for wildlife to access when livestock are not in the pastures?	YES	24
	NO	--
Does the proposed areas occur within or directly adjacent to a designated AZGFD Conservation Opportunity Area?	YES	35
	NO	--

Section: Wildlife Pollinator*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this project intersect a riparian area and improve riparian habitat for wildlife?	YES	45
	NO	--
Does the proposed areas occur within or directly adjacent to a designated AZGFD Conservation Opportunity Area?	YES	35
	NO	--
Pollinator: Will at least one planned practice be implemented on the offered planning land unit to provide beneficial habitat for native pollinators?	YES	30
	NO	--
Pollinator: Will proposed treatment increase pollinator habitat?	Will treatment improve WHEG pesticide score?	30
	Will treatment improve WHEG food score?	15
	Will treatment improve WHEG cover score?	15
	No	--
Pollinator: Will the planned treatment create or improve 0.5 or more acres of pollinator habitat?	Greater than 2 acres	30
	.5 acres to 2 acres	15
	Less than 0.5 acres	0
Pollinator: Will planned treatment reduce pesticide use or drift?	YES	30
	NO	--

Section: NAQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the application will result in annual Nox reductions greater than 1 ton per year?	YES	25
	NO	--
Will the application result in on-farm PM10 reductions greater than 75% from existing conditions?	YES	50
	NO	--
Will the application result in the implementation of 2 or more planned conservation practices on at least 75% of the offered acres?	YES	25
	NO	--

Section: NAQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select the appropriate county location to designate if the application is located in a PM10 nonattainment or maintenance area, with regard to the EPA NAAQS PM10 designation for the area.	Maricopa	25
	Pinal	25
	Cochise	15
	Gila	15
	Pima	15
	Santa Cruz	15
	Yuma	15
	Otherwise	--
Choose the most appropriate response regarding the location of the project with regard to EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) designations for the area.	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone (all 3) - Pinal	25
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone (all 3) - Maricopa	25
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 2 out of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone). - Gila	15
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 2 out of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone). - Yuma	15
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 1 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone) - Mohave	5
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 1 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone) - Pima	5
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 1 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone) - Cochise	5
	EQIP project is located in a county that has an EPA NAAQS non-attainment designation for 1 out of 3 of these pollutants (PM2.5, PM10 and Ozone) - Santa Cruz	5
Choose the most appropriate response below regarding the potential for the EQIP application to replace existing diesel engines used on farm	Otherwise	--
	The EQIP project results in replacement of one or more existing diesel engine(s) with energy efficient electric motor(s).	25
	The EQIP project results in replacement of one existing pre-1980 diesel engine with the most current Tier-level diesel engine.	15
	The EQIP project results in replacement of one existing 1980 or newer diesel engine with the most current Tier-level diesel engine.	5
	Otherwise/Not Applicable	--

Section: NAQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
If the EQIP application includes irrigation system improvements, please answer all of the following questions	Irrigation runoff will be less than 20% and the potential for Irrigation Induced Erosion will be reduced to Low or Very Low from Moderate or greater	25
	More than three practices will be implemented that include crop rotation, cover crops, residue and tillage management practices, nutrient management, pest management, pollinator plantings, and irrigation water management	15
	The proposed project will include a flow measuring device and irrigation water management.	5
	Otherwise/Not Applicable	--

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select all PLANNED primary regenerative management practices.	Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	5
	Contour Farming (330)	5
	Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crop (331)	5
	Cover Crop (340)	5
	Drainage Water Management (554)	5
	Forage Harvest Management (511)	5
	Forest Stand Improvement (666)	5
	Irrigation Water Management (449)	5
	Mulching (484)	5
	Nutrient Management (590)	5
	Pest Management Conservation System (595)	5
	Grazing Management (528)	5
	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (329)	5
	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced (345)	5
	Strip-cropping (585)	5
	No primary regenerative management practices	0
Regenerative Pilot Program Primary practices with one year lifespan are...	Planned for three or more years of the contract period	50
	Planned for two years of the contract period	25
	Planned for one year of the contract period	15
	No applicable option	--

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Producer is willing to implement new conservation practices across the whole-farm to address all soil and water resources categories and at least..	4 or more additional resource concern categories	75
	2 to 3 additional resource concern categories	50
	1 or less additional resource concern categories	25

Section: Reserve 1 (Disaster)*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are all practices scheduled for implementation within 18 months of obligation?	YES	100
	NO	-50
Does the assessed practice schedule include destroyed structural practices (within their lifespan) that were part of a previous completed EQIP Contract?	YES	--
	NO	0

Section: Reserve 2*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are all practices scheduled for implementation within 18 months of obligation?	YES	100
	NO	-50
Does the assessed practice schedule include destroyed structural practices (within their lifespan) that were part of a previous completed EQIP Contract?	YES	--
	NO	0

Section: Reserve 3*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are all practices scheduled for implementation within 18 months of obligation?	YES	100
	NO	-50
Does the assessed practice schedule include destroyed structural practices (within their lifespan) that were part of a previous completed EQIP Contract?	YES	--
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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