

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY26 IA - NE Area

Program EQUIP

Pool Status Active

Tags

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Existing Practice Included No

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National Pool No

Include States IA (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	3	100
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	5	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	12	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	9	100
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	2	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	5	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	5	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	13	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	13	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	10	100
Water (Source water depletion)	0	9	100
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	2	100
Water (Weather resilience)	0	2	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	40	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	20	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	40	100

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	100	100

Energy (Inefficient energy use)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities)	0	50	100
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations)	0	50	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels)	0	20	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	30	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	50	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

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

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	60	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	40	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	35	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	35	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	5	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	5	100
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	20	100

Water (Source water depletion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Groundwater depletion)	0	45	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	10	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	45	100

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	40	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	40	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	10	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	10	100

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Drifted snow)	0	10	100
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	20	100
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	30	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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Conservation Plan	199	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-Data Collection and Evaluation	201	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-System Installation	202	00N	Activities
Adaptive Management for Soil Health	204	00N	Activities
Feed and Forage Analysis	206	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	00N	Activities
Prescribed Grazing Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity	219	00N	Activities
Soil Organic Carbon Stock Monitoring	221	00N	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	00N	Activities
Forest Management Assessment	223	00N	Activities
Aquifer Flow Test	224	00N	Activities
Waste Facility Site Suitability and Feasibility Assessment	226	00N	Activities
Evaluation of Existing Waste Storage Facility Components	227	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities
Feral Swine Damage Assessment	297	00N	Activities
Agrichemical Handling Facility	309	00N	Conservation Practices
Alley Cropping	311	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Storage Facility	313	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
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
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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Contour Farming	330	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Buffer Strips	332	00N	Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	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
Dam, Diversion	348	00N	Conservation Practices
Sediment Basin	350	00N	Conservation Practices
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Groundwater Testing	355	00N	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment Lagoon	359	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Facility Closure	360	00N	Conservation Practices
Diversion	362	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Anaerobic Digester	366	00N	Conservation Practices
Roofs and Covers	367	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Emergency Animal Mortality Management	368	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Air Filtration and Scrubbing	371	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N	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
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	00N	Conservation Practices
Silvopasture	381	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Fence	382	00N, 03N, 04N	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
Dam	402	00N	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	00N	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Ditch Lining	428	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Pipeline	430	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Dry Hydrant	432	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Reservoir	436	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
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
Land Clearing	460	00N	Conservation Practices
Precision Land Forming and Smoothing	462	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Land Leveling	464	00N	Conservation Practices
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	00N	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	00N	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	520	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner	521	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete	522	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
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
Livestock Shelter Structure	576	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	591	00N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Terrace	600	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
Waste Treatment	629	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Separation Facility	632	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Transfer	634	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetated Treatment Area	635	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
Forest Trails and Landings	655	00N	Conservation Practices
Constructed Wetland	656	00N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Restoration	657	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Creation	658	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Wetland Enhancement	659	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Lighting System	670	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Annual Forages for Grazing Systems	810	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Raised Beds	812	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Low Tunnel Systems	821	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Organic Management	823	00N	Interim Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	30	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	40	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	5	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: IA FY26 NE Area (Inactive)

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application is predominately located in NE Area - Iowa (Geospatially answered; Iowa - Service Center Areas)	The application is predominately located in NE Area - Iowa	--
	No	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Categories		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Choose the applicable categories for this application.	Animal Feeding Operation (AFO)	--

Section: Categories

Question	Answer Choices	Points
	Beginning Farmer (BFR)	--
	CPA, DIA, CEMA - CNMP (101, 102)	--
	CPA, DIA, CEMA - Energy (120, 228)	--
	CPA, DIA, CEMA - Organic (138, 140)	--
	CPA, DIA, CEMA - Wildlife (106, 144, 148, 160, 165)	--
	CPA, DIA, CEMA - All others	--
	High Tunnel - This category is for High Tunnels and directly supporting practices only	--
	Livestock - Non-AFO/Pasture	--
	MRBI - Boone River - Eagle Creek - Includes Boone River - Prairie Creek	--
	MRBI - Cedar Creek	--
	MRBI - Central Turkey River	--
	MRBI - Deep Creek	--
	MRBI - Lower Skunk River	--
	MRBI - Middle Cedar	--
	MRBI - Mud Creek	--
	MRBI - North Branch Turkey River	--
	MRBI - North Raccoon	--
	MRBI - South Skunk-HW Cedar	--
	MRBI - Turkey River	--
	MRBI - West Branch Floyd River	--
	MRBI - West Fork Crooked Creek	--
	NWQI - Wall Lake Inlet	--
	NWQI - Rathbun Lake	--
	NWQI - Silver Creek	--
	Organic - Certified	--
	Organic - Transition	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program - All Other Eligible Applications	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program - BFR	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program - Livestock/Non-AFO	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program - Source Water Protection	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program - SDFR	--
	Specialty Agriculture and Small Scale Livestock	--

Section: Categories

Question	Answer Choices	Points
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer (SDFR)	--
	Source Water Protection - Ground Water High Priority	--
	Source Water Protection - Surface Water Priority	--
	Source Water Protection - Ground Water Eligible or Low Priority	--
	Wildlife - Forestry	--
	Wildlife - Riverine	--
	Wildlife - Prairie Pothole Renewals	--
	Wildlife - Other Habitats	--
	WLFW - Monarch Butterfly (MOBU)	--
	WFLW - Northern Bobwhite Initiative (NOBO/NBI)	--
	Reserve Category 1 (Choose only when state guidance is provided)	--
	Reserve Category 2 (Choose only when state guidance is provided)	--
	Reserve Category 3 (Choose only when state guidance is provided)	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: General Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application is at least 50% within an identified local priority watershed (Geospatial answer layer: Iowa - Local Priority FY2026)	The application is at least 50% within an identified local priority watershed.	10
	No	0
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer?	YES	2
	NO	0
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	2
	NO	0
CROPLAND: Does the application include practices or activities on Cropland?	YES	--
	NO	--
CROPLAND: The intended treatment in this application supports soil health principles. How many of the following soil health practices, are scheduled as new activities: 1) 340-Cover Crop, 2) 329-Residue and Tillage Management, No Till, 3) 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 4) 590-Nutrient Management, 5) 595-Pest Management Conservation System, 528-Grazing Management?*	5+ practices	15
	3 - 4 practices	10
	1 - 2 practices	5
	None of the practices listed.	0
CROPLAND: Is the application for practices that, when combined with other conservation practices in the applicants conservation plan, treat the soil resource concern to the quality criteria?*	YES	10
	NO	0

Section: General Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
FORESTLAND: Does the application include conservation practices on Forestland?	YES	--
	NO	--
FORESTLAND: Does the application include practices with the intended purpose of controlling or suppressing invasive plant species?*	YES	10
	NO	0
FORESTLAND: Does the application include practices that prioritize the establishment of oak regeneration?*	YES	20
	NO	0
FORESTLAND: Does the application include tree plantings on a total of at least one acre?*	YES	10
	NO	0
PASTURE: Does the application include pastureland or cropland converted to pasture for livestock production, where the funds are predominantly used to implement non-AFO livestock practices?	YES	--
	NO	--
PASTURE: Does the EQIP application include implementation of 528 grazing management on all grazed lands included in the application?*	YES	12
	NO	0
PASTURE: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include implementation 528 grazing management for multiple years on the same acres?*	YES	7
	NO	0
PASTURE: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include implementation of practices to ensure adequate domestic livestock drinking water distribution are available in the application area?*	YES	8
	NO	0
PASTURE: How many of the following practices, are scheduled as new activities on the pasture acres: 1) 314 Brush Management or 315-Herbaceous Weed Control, 2) 472- Access Control, 3) 512-Pasture and Hay Planting, 4) 614-Watering Facility, 5) 528 Grazing Management, 6) 810-Annual Forages for Grazing Management?*	5+ practices	13
	3 - 4 practices	10
	1 - 2 practices	5
	None of the practices listed	0
WILDLIFE: Does the application predominantly include practices to improve wildlife habitat?	YES	5
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: The land in this application has the following wildlife habitat priority (Geospatial answer).*	High	13
	Low	8
	None	0
WILDLIFE: The application includes two or more wildlife practices. *	YES	5
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: The application includes practices that retain or improve wildlife habitat on land touching Conservation Reserve Program (existing or recently accepted for enrollment in CRP), to protected land (Easements, Iowa DNR, USFWS, TNC, etc.) that has wildlife habitat, or on land exiting CRP.*	YES	5
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: Does the EQIP application include practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, or both.*	YES	5
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: Does your application include practices specific for prairie pothole renewals?*	YES	--
	NO	--
WILDLIFE: Does your prairie pothole renewal application require additional practices beyond 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management?*	YES	7
	NO	0

Section: Animal Feeding Operations Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment used for livestock production, where funds are only used to implement AFO livestock practices. (AFO applications should be a separate application and ranked separately.) If answer is NO, uncheck Animal Feeding Operations from Category selection.	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: CPA DIA CEMA Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application includes a Conservation Planning Activity (CPA), Design and Implementation Activity (DIA) and/or Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity (CEMA)?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: High Tunnel Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for High Tunnel and directly supporting practices only? If answer is NO, uncheck High Tunnel from category selection.	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: MRBI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the PLU intersect the MRBI national layer of implementation watersheds by 50% or greater.	Yes	5
	No	0
The application addresses one or more of the identified goals in the watershed assessment plan for this MRBI project. If answer is NO, uncheck MRBI from Category selection.*	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: NWQI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the PLU intersect the NWQI national layer of watersheds by 50% or greater. (Geospatial answer; Layer: Iowa -NWQI)	Yes	5
	No	0
Does the application addresses one or more of the identified goals in the watershed assessment plan for this NWQI project? If answer is NO, uncheck NWQI from Category selection.*	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The applicant will develop a whole farm plan and include soil testing by planning CEMA 216 in the first and land year of the contract. *	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Source Water Protection Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Source Water Protection Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application is within the "Ground Water High Priority" Iowa Source Water Protection (SWP) Area. The answer is NO, uncheck Source Water Protection from Category selection. (geospatially answered)	Ground Water High Priority	3
	No	0
The application is within the "Surface Water Priority" Iowa Source Water Protection (SWP) Area. The answer is NO, uncheck Source Water Protection from Category selection. (geospatially answered)	Surface Water Priority	3
	No	0
The application is within the "Ground Water Eligible or Low Priority" Iowa Source Water Protection (SWP) Area. The answer is NO, uncheck Source Water Protection from Category selection. (geospatially answered)	Ground Water Eligible or Low Priority	0
	No	0

Section: Specialty Agriculture and Small Scale Livestock Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for Specialty Agriculture and Small Scale Livestock practices only? If answer is NO, uncheck Specialty Agriculture and Small Scale Livestock from category selection.	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: WLFW Monarch Butterfly Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is any of the offered land within the Working Lands for Wildlife Monarch Butterfly project area? Geospatial	Yes	5
	No	0
Does the practices benefit the WLFW Monarch Butterfly project? If answer is NO, uncheck WLFW Monarch Butterfly from Category selection.*	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: WLFW Northern Bobwhite Initiative Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the planning land unit (PLU) intersect the national geospatial layer 'WLFW NOBO Grasslands and Savannas Boundary'?	Yes	5
	No	0
Does the application benefit the WLFW NOBO/NBI Project? If answer is NO, uncheck WLFW NOBO/NBI from Category selection.*	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions**Section: Animal Feeding Operations Resource Questions***

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Land is within HUC12 Watershed of a designated impaired water body TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation (Geospatial answered).	Yes	2
	No	0
Has the applicant received financial assistance to address waste management resource concern within the last 2 years (10/01/2023 to 9/30/2025) previous to the start of the current fiscal year.	YES	0
	NO	3

Section: Animal Feeding Operations Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the application include any expansion of the set maximum allowable square footage per livestock type (i.e., Beef Finisher, Cow/Calf etc.) or existing animal units according to the accepted design, CNMP and producer's intentions?	Yes, expanding greater than 25%	-50
	Yes, expanding but not more than 25%	2
	No expansion	4
Nutrient Management (590) will be included in the contract for all cropland acres included in the CNMP.	YES	4
	NO	0
The application includes:	Treatment of all manure created by the livestock in an AFO located within 1000 feet of a stream	4
	Relocation of an AFO(s) located within the 100-year floodplain to a location outside of the floodplain	4
	Other	0
Does the site have open lots currently used by livestock and all lots will be eliminated with the EQIP application?	YES	3
	NO	0

Section: CPA DIA CEMA Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application for a revision of an existing CPA/CAP plan?	YES	0
	NO	10
The application includes a Design and Implementation activity (DIA)?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: High Tunnel, Specialty Agriculture, Small Scale Livestock Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will products be directly improving access to fresh food: Sold or donated directly to the consumer(e.g., farmer's markets, Community-Supported Agriculture(CSA), local schools, roadside stands, etc.)?*	YES	2
	NO	0
Which choice is most applicable to the application?*	High Tunnel Initiative (i.e., High tunnels ad directly supporting practices only)	--
	Specialty Production - Specialty Ag: may include tree fruit/nuts; vegetables; herbs; horticulture and nursery crops, including cut flowers (i.e. crops other than grain corn, soybeans, hay/alfalfa, oilseeds, cereal/small grains, dry beans, sugar beets)	--
	Small Scale Livestock (practice schedule directly supports livestock operation) - Includes micro and backyard livestock operations; generally no more than 5 animal units per hooved species and/or poultry flocks fewer than 250 birds. For larger operations, use the Non-AFO/Pasture ranking category.	--

Section: High Tunnel, Specialty Agriculture, Small Scale Livestock Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
HIGH TUNNEL: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices related to the management of soil fertility, plant nutrients, or soil amendments within the high tunnel for the purpose of improving water quality?*	YES	1
	NO	0
HIGH TUNNEL: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will reduce erosion and improve soil health in and/or around the high tunnel?*	Supporting practices are planned within AND around the high tunnel	2
	Supporting practices are planned within OR around the high tunnel	1
	There are no supporting practices planned to address erosion	0
HIGH TUNNEL: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that establish native perennial plant species that support the high tunnel but also benefit wildlife, pollinators, or beneficial insects?*	YES	1
	NO	0
SPECIALTY PRODUCTION: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that address ground or surface water impairment related to excessive nutrients, pesticides, or other pollutants?*	3+ Practices	2
	1- 2 Practices	1
	0 Practices	0
SPECIALTY PRODUCTION: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will reduce erosion?*	3+ practices	2
	1-2 practices	1
	0 practices	0
SPECIALTY PRODUCTION: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that establish native perennial plant species that benefit wildlife, pollinators, or beneficial insects?*	YES	2
	NO	0
SPECIALTY PRODUCTION: Does the application include a system of conservation practices implemented on at least one field to build soil health or increase crop diversity?*	Yes, both soil health and crop diversity	2
	Yes, but only soil health	1
	No	0
SMALL SCALE LIVESTOCK: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include 528-Grazing Management on all contracted PLUs?*	YES	3
	NO	0
SMALL SCALE LIVESTOCK: Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that establish or manage native perennial plant species that benefit wildlife, pollinators, or beneficial insects?*	Planned practices establish AND include a separate planned management activity	3
	Planned practices establish OR include a planned management activity	2
	No	0

Section: MRBI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many of the identified goals will be addressed for the MRBI project?	All of the identified goals will be addressed.	5
	One or more of the identified goals will be addressed.	3
Does the PLU (Planned Land Unit) intersect critical source areas (the priority area) identified in the watershed assessment plan for this MRBI project.	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: MRBI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application is addressing primary water quality concerns by supporting the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy through application of one or more of the following practices: 590 Nutrient Management, 340 Cover Crop, 329 Residue and Tillage Mgmt No-Till (3 continuous years required), 393 Filter Strip, 605 Denitrifying Bioreactor, 604 Saturated Buffer, 554 Drainage Water Mgmt, 656 Constructed Wetland, 658 Wetland Creation, 659 Wetland Enhancement, 657 Wetland Restoration, 327 Conservation Cover, 600 Terrace, 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin, 332 Contour Buffer Strips.	YES	3
	NO	0
Is this predominantly a Cropland Soil Health or a Pasture PCS application?	Crop	--
	Pasture	--
CROP: The intended treatment in this application supports the National Soil Health Initiative. How many of the following soil health practices, are scheduled as new activities : 1) 340-Cover Crop, 2) 329-Residue and Tillage Management, No Till, 3) 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 4) 590-Nutrient Management, 5) 595-Pest Management Conservation System?*	5	5
	4	4
	3	3
	2	2
	1	1
	None	0
PASTURE: The intended treatment in this application will address improvements in the Pasture Condition Score sheet. How many of the following practices are scheduled as new activities: 1) 314 Brush Management or 315-Herbaceous Weed Control, 2) 472- Access Control, 3) 512-Pasture and Hay Planting, 4) 516-Livestock Pipeline, 5) 528-Grazing Management?*	5	5
	4	4
	3	3
	2	2
	1	1
	None	0

Section: NWQI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many of the goals are identified in the watershed assessment plan for this NWQI project?	All of the identified goals will be addressed.	5
	One or more of the identified goals will be addressed.	3
Land is within HUC12 Watershed of a designated impaired water body, TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation.	Yes	3
	No	0
Does the PLU (Planned Land Unit) intersect (touch or contain) critical source areas (the priority areas) identified in the watershed assessment plan for this NWQI project.	YES	4
	NO	0
The application is addressing primary water quality concerns by supporting the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy through application of one or more of the following practices: 590 Nutrient Management, 340 Cover Crop, 329 Residue and Tillage Mgmt No-Till (3 continuous years required), 393 Filter Strip, 605 Denitrifying Bioreactor, 604 Saturated Buffer, 554 Drainage Water Mgmt, 656 Constructed Wetland, 658 Wetland Creation, 659 Wetland Enhancement, 657 Wetland Restoration, 327 Conservation Cover, 600 Terrace, 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin, 332 Contour Buffer Strips.	YES	3
	NO	0

Section: NWQI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this predominantly a Cropland Soil Health or a Pasture PCS application?	Crop	--
	Pasture	--
CROP: The intended treatment in this application supports the National Soil Health Initiative. How many of the following soil health practices, are scheduled as new activities : 1) 340-Cover Crop, 2) 329-Residue and Tillage Management, No Till, 3) 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 4) 590-Nutrient Management, 5) 595-Pest Management Conservation System?*	5	5
	4	4
	3	3
	2	2
	1	1
	None	0
PASTURE: The intended treatment in this application will address improvements in the Pasture Condition Score sheet. How many of the following practices are scheduled as new activities: 1) 314 Brush Management or 315-Herbaceous Weed Control, 2) 472- Access Control, 3) 512-Pasture and Hay Planting, 4) 516-Livestock Pipeline, 5) 528-Grazing Management, 6) 810 Annual Forages for Grazing Systems: Summer Annuals?*	5+	5
	4	4
	3	3
	2	2
	1	1
	None	0

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many of the primary regenerative management practices (RPP) will be implemented by the end of the contract? 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 330-Contour Farming, 331-Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crop, 340-Cover Crops, 554-Drainage Water Management, 511-Forage Harvest Management, 666-Forest Stand Improvement, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 484-Mulching, 590-Nutrient Management, 595-Pest Management Conservation System, 528-Grazing Management, 329-Residue and Tillage Management, No Till, 345-Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced, 585-Stripcropping*	3 or more practices	23
	2 practices	10
	1 practice	5
How many land uses are RPP Primary Practices planned on in the application?	3 land uses (ALL Cropland, Pasture and Forest)	12
	2 land uses (Cropland, Pasture AND/OR Forest)	7
	1 land use (Cropland, Pasture OR Forest)	2
	None of the Above	0
Will the planned practices result in an increased level of management for an observed or historical RPP core conservation practice?	YES	5
	NO	0

Section: Source Water Protection Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Source Water Protection Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminants from entering the water bodies? Practices include 390, 391, 393, 604, 605, 657, 658 and/or 659; or is there an existing buffer, with a minimum width as required by practices 390 or 391, which will be maintained and that will mitigate offsite contaminants from entering water bodies.	YES	7
	NO	0
Within the SWP watersheds, how many of the approved priority source water protection activities (i.e., Wp codes in EQIP cost list) for EQIP are scheduled as new activities in the application?	Within the SWP watersheds, the application includes 5 or more of the approved priority source water protection activities.	7
	Within the SWP watersheds, the application includes 3-4 of the approved priority source water protection activities.	4
	Within the SWP watersheds, the application includes 1-2 of the approved priority source water protection activities.	2
What percentage of the acres in the eligible PLUs have practices scheduled from the list of the priority SWP activities?	More than 75%	6
	50% to 75%	4
	Less than 50%	2

Section: WFLW Monarch Butterfly Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include practices to establish or improve habitat for Monarch Butterflies according to the Best Management Practices (BMPs)?	YES	2
	NO	0
Does the application include at least 2 acres being contracted that meets or exceeds the seeding requirements for the Monarch Habitat Mix in the Native Seeding Calculator?	YES	3
	NO	0
Does the PLU occur within the WFLW MOBU priority area for conservation WFLW_Monarch_Butterfly_Boundary layer in the CART geoportal? Geospatially Answered.	Yes	3
	No	0
What mix of species or management best describes the Direct Target Species Benefit?	Planting mix includes two or more species of milkweed (Asclepias spp.)	5
	Planting mix includes one species of milkweed (Asclepias spp.)	3
	Management of existing habitat will increase existing milkweed and floral resources	1
	Mix or management type not listed	0
Regarding landscape position, is the PLU located adjacent to ag lands treated with insecticides (excluding treated seeds)?	YES	0
	NO	2
Regarding landscape position, is the center point of the PLU < 125 feet from ag lands treated with insecticides?	YES	0
	NO	2
Regarding landscape position, the proximity to existing MOBU habitat is < 0.2 miles (i.e., natural areas, CRP, prairies, etc. with abundant milkweed or other beneficial plants)?	YES	1
	NO	0
Regarding landscape position, is the proximity to existing MOBU habitat <0.5 miles away, protected for conservation purposes by fee-title, easement, or long-term lease (>5 years)?	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: WLFW Northern Bobwhite Initiative Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the primary purpose of this application to install conservation practices to benefit NOBO quail?	YES	1
	NO	0
Does the applicant have a Wildlife Management Plan that identifies the Bobwhite Quail as a targeted species?	YES	1
	NO	0
How many habitat components exist in the project area?	3 habitat components	3
	2 habitat components	2
	1 habitat component	1
	None	0
What percentage of the project area is planned to nesting cover?	Greater than 30% = HIGH	3
	10% to 30% = MEDIUM	2
	Less than 10% = LOW	1
What percentage of the project area is planned to brood rearing cover?	Greater than 40% = HIGH	3
	10% to 40% = MEDIUM	1
	Less than 10% = LOW	0
What percentage of the project area is planned to escape/overwintering cover?	Greater than 25%	3
	10% to 25%	2
	5% to 10%	1
	Less than 5%	0
How many habitat components are planned to occur within 150' of each other?	3 habitat components	3
	2 habitat components	1
	1 habitat component	0
How many habitat components occur within 660' of the project area?	3 habitat components	3
	2 habitat components	1
	1 habitat component	0

Detailed Assessments

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