

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool NC_FY26_Area 1_EQIP Ranking
Pool_v8

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 NC (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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	5	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	10	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	10	100
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	10	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	10	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	5	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	10	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	10	100
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	100
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	10	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

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 (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 (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	0	10	100
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Subsidence)	0	5	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	100	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	--	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 (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 (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	25	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 Plan - Written	146	00N	CAPs
Pollinator Habitat Design	148	00N	Activities
Nutrient Management Design and Implementation Activity	157	00N	Activities
Feed Management Design	158	00N	Activities
Grazing Management Design	159	00N	Activities
Prescribed Burning Design	160	00N	Activities
Pest Management Conservation System Design	161	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management System Design	162	00N	Activities
Irrigation Water Management Design	163	00N	Activities
Improved Management of Drainage Water Design	164	00N	Activities
Forest Management Practice Design	165	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan	199	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-Data Collection and Evaluation	201	00N	Activities
Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring-System Installation	202	00N	Activities
Adaptive Management for Soil Health	204	00N	Activities
Feed and Forage Analysis	206	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	00N	Activities

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Irrigation Canal or Lateral	320	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
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Controlled Traffic Farming	334	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Monitoring Well	353	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
Combustion System Improvement	372	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces	373	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	374	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Dust Management for Pen Surfaces	375	00N, 01N, 02N	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

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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
Irrigation Field Ditch	388	00N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	00N	Conservation Practices
Aquaculture Pond	397	00N	Conservation Practices
Fish Raceway or Tank	398	00N	Conservation Practices
Fishpond Management	399	00N	Conservation Practices
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control	400	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
Hillside Ditch	423	00N	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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Sprinkler System	442	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	443	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery	447	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control	455	00N	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
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	00N	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	520	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner	521	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete	522	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	548	00N	Conservation Practices
Range Planting	550	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Rock Wall Terrace	555	00N	Conservation Practices
Row Arrangement	557	00N	Conservation Practices
Roof Runoff Structure	558	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	591	00N	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
Vegetative Barrier	601	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
Salinity and Sodic Soil Management	610	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Underground Outlet	620	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment	629	00N	Conservation Practices
Vertical Drain	630	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Separation Facility	632	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Recycling	633	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
Waterspreading	640	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
Constructed Wetland	656	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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Annual Forages for Grazing Systems	810	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Organic Management	823	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
TA Planning	910	00N	TSP Codes
TA Design	911	00N	TSP Codes
TA Application	912	00N	TSP Codes
TA Check-Out	913	00N	TSP Codes

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	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

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 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
Does the PLU within this application reside within the boundaries of Area 1?	Yes, the PLU is located within NC NRCS Area 1.	--
	No, the PLU is not located within NC NRCS Area 1.	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Categories*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Choose the applicable categories for this application.	ACT NOW Biochar - Team 2 and 3	--

Section: Categories*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
	AgChem Mix Facility	--
	Beginning Farmer A1	--
	CAFO Team 1	--
	CAFO Team 2	--
	CAFO Team 3	--
	CAFO Team 4	--
	CAFO Team 5	--
	CAFO Team 6	--
	Closure of Waste Impoundments	--
	CPA, DIA, CEMA	--
	Crop Team 1	--
	Crop Team 2	--
	Crop Team 3	--
	Crop Team 4	--
	Crop Team 5	--
	Crop Team 6	--
	Forestry A1	--
	HTS A1	--
	Golden Winged Warbler WLFW	--
	Hellbender Initiative	--
	Irrigation Efficiency Center Pivot Conservation	--
	Irrigation Efficiency Microirrigation	--
	NWQI East Prong Roaring River	--
	NWQI Indian and Howards Creek	--
	NWQI Middle Prong Roaring River	--
	On-Farm Energy	--
	Organic Transition Initiative	--
	Pasture Team 1	--
	Pasture Team 2	--
	Pasture Team 3	--
	Pasture Team 4	--
	Pasture Team 5	--
	Pasture Team 6	--
	Reapplication of Failed Practices	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program	--

Section: Categories*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
	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)	--
	Socially Disadvantaged A1	--
	Urban	--
	Wildlife - Aquatic	--
	Wildlife - Early Succ & Pollinator Hab.	--
	Wildlife - Forest	--
	WNCSI	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: General: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the land in the application fall within the watershed boundary of an NCDA and CS Division of Soil and Water Targeted Watershed OR if forestry, falls within a designated priority area for conserving working forest lands as designated by the NC DFR? (Geospatial answer).	Yes, the land in the application does fall within the watershed boundary of NC Working Forestry Priority Areas.	2
	Yes, the land in the application does fall within the watershed boundary of NCDA and CS Division of Soil and Water Targeted Watershed.	2
	No, the land in the application does not fall within the watershed boundary of an NCDA and CS Division of Soil and Water Targeted Watershed or PLUs do not intersect the NC Working Forestry Priority Areas.	0
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer?	YES	10
	NO	0
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	5
	NO	0
Did the land enrolled in this application sustain damage from Hurricane Helene and practices will address an impacted RC?	YES	5
	NO	0
Does the PLU intersect the High Priority Source Water Protection Areas FY23 layer?	Yes, the PLU intersects the SWPA.	--
	No, the PLU does not intersect the SWPA.	--
Will this application address field pesticide loss, field sediment/nutrient/pathogen loss, salt losses to water, source water depletion, storage and handling of nutrients?*	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: General: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include: 313 - Waste Storage Facility; 327 - Conservation Cover; 342 - Critical Area Planting; 351 - Well Decommissioning; 386 - Field Border; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 412 - Grassed Waterway; 449 - Irrigation Water Management; 472 - Access Control; 533 - Pumping Plant; 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection; 595 - Pest Management Conservation System; 642 - Water Well; and/or 614 - Watering Facility.*	YES	5
	NO	0
CROPLAND: Does the application include Management Practices or Structural Practices on Cropland?*	YES	--
	NO	--
CROPLAND: The intended treatment in this application supports soil health. How many of the following soil health practices, are scheduled as new activities: (327) Conservation Cover, (328) Conservation Crop Rotation, (329) Residue & Tillage Management, No Till, (340) Cover Crop, (484) Mulching, (590) Nutrient Management and/or (595) Pest Management Conservation System?*	5 or more practices	15
	4 practices	12
	3 practices	9
	2 practices	6
	1 practice	3
	None of the practices listed.	0
CROPLAND: Does the application include one or more of the following practice(s): (386) Field Border, (391) Riparian Forest Buffer, (393) Filter Strip in addition to other conservation practices that address a water quality resource concern?*	YES	10
	NO	0
CROPLAND: Does the application include practices that result in a reduction of sheet and rill erosion or improve soil quality on cropland?*	On the entire tract	15
	On the application area	10
	None of the options apply	0
FORESTLAND: Does the application include conservation practices on Forestland?	YES	--
	NO	--
FORESTLAND: Does the application address invasive species in the Forest Management Plan?*	YES	20
	NO	0
FORESTLAND: Will treatment requested by this application achieve a Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Procedure (WHEP) of 0.5 or greater OR improve the benchmark condition by 0.25 for the forestland application acres?*	YES	10
	NO	0
FORESTLAND: Will the treatment requested by this application reduce the dominant stand's stocking rate, basal area, or trees per acre by implementing practice 666 Forest Stand Improvement?*	YES	10
	NO	0
PASTURE: Does the application include conservation practices on Pastureland with livestock on site?	YES	--
	NO	--
PASTURE: Does the EQIP application include implementation of (528) Grazing Management on all grazed lands included in the application?*	YES	10
	NO	0
PASTURE: Will implementation of this application result in water quality improvement by excluding livestock from water bodies?*	YES	10
	NO	0

Section: General: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
PASTURE: The intended treatment in this application will address deficiencies described in the Pasture Condition Score sheet. 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) 512-Pasture and Hay Planting, 3) 516-Livestock Pipeline, 4) 528-Prescribed Grazing, 5) 382-Fence?*	5 practices	16
	4 practices	13
	3 practices	10
	2 practices	7
	1 practice	4
	None of the practices listed	--
WILDLIFE: Does the application include practices to improve wildlife habitat?	YES	--
	NO	--
WILDLIFE: Does this application include the establishment of Early Successional and/or Pollinator Habitat?*	YES	10
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: Will the planned practices directly address improvement of aquatic habitat?*	YES	8
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: Does the EQIP application include practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, or both.*	YES	6
	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, NC DNCR, USFWS, TNC, etc.) that has wildlife habitat, or on land exiting CRP.*	YES	6
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: Does the EQIP application include implementation of one of the following as a primary practice: filter strips, riparian forest buffers and/or riparian herbaceous cover.*	YES	6
	NO	0
WILDLIFE: Does the PLU intersect a national WLFW priority layer? (Geospatial answer).*	Yes, the PLU(s) intersect a national GWW WLFW priority layer.	6
	Yes, the PLU(s) intersect a national Hellbender WLFW priority layer.	6
	No	0

Section: ACT NOW Biochar Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are the PLUs being addressed with this application located within Team 2 and 3 and is the main objective of this contract to support the core practice (336) Soil Carbon Amendment?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: AgChem Mix Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are all cropland fields receiving pesticide applications treated so that there is no visible classic or ephemeral gully erosion evident?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: CAFO Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: CAFO Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment used for livestock production, where funds are predominantly used to implement CAFO livestock practices?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Closure of Waste Impoundments Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application result in the closure of a waste impoundment?	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: Crop Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment used for cropland, where funds are predominantly used to implement cropland practices?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Forestry Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment used for NIPF, where funds are predominantly used to implement forestry practices?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: High Tunnel Systems Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for a High Tunnel Systems?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Irrigation Efficiency Center Pivot Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the main objective of this contract to address irrigation efficiency using a center pivot?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Irrigation Efficiency Microirrigation Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Irrigation Efficiency Microirrigation Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the main objective of this contract to address irrigation efficiency using microirrigation?	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).	Yes, 50% or more of the PLU resides within the Lincoln NWQI (Indian & Howards Creek) area.	--
	Yes, 50% or more of the PLU resides within the Roaring River NWQI (East & Middle Prong) area.	--
	No	--
Does the application addresses one or more of the identified goals in the watershed assessment plan for this NWQI project?*	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: On-Farm Energy Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the main objective of this plan to contract energy efficiency practices?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: OTI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the practices in the plan support transition to an organic farming operation?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Pasture Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment used for pasture, where funds are predominantly used to implement livestock related practices?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Reapplication of Failed Practices Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the main objective of the application to address the reapplication of failed conservation practice(s) due to a storm event?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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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 last year of the contract. Soil and water resource concern thresholds must be met by the end of the contract on at least one land unit. *	YES	8
	NO	0

Section: Urban Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the majority of the PLU(s) be located within the High or Medium Priority Area?	> 50% of the PLU(s) is within the NC Urban High Priority Area.	5
	> 50% of the PLU(s) is within the NC Urban Medium Priority Area.	2
	Otherwise	0

Section: Wildlife-Aquatic Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this application include the establishment of aquatic wildlife habitat?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Wildlife-Early Successional & Pollinator Habitat Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this application include the establishment of Early Successional and/or Pollinator Habitat?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: Wildlife-Forest Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment used for NIPF, where funds are predominantly used to implement Wildlife forest related practices?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: WLFW Golden Winged Warbler Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the PLU intersect the national WLFW GWW priority layer? (Geospatial answer).	Yes	--
	No	--

Section: WLFW Hellbender Initiative Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the project in a priority watershed for Eastern Hellbender WLFW?	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: WNCSI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land being offered for enrollment in cropland, forest, pasture where funds are predominantly used to implement stream related practices in WNC?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: ACT NOW Biochar Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many facilitating practices and activities will be planned to support the core practice (336) Soil Carbon Amendment?*	3 or more practices or activities	3
	2 or more practices or activities	2
	1 or more practices or activities	1
	0 or more practices or activities	0
Does this application include (590) Nutrient Management and/or DIA (157) Nutrient Management Plan and Implementation Activity?*	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: AgChem Mix Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the current chemical mixing/loading site within 250 feet of a stream or water course?*	YES	2
	NO	0
The applicant has agreed to mix/load all pesticides in the Ag Chemical Handling Facility and not use any outdoor mixing/loading sites?*	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: CAFO Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will implementation of this application result in an improvement of an animal mortality system from a disposal pit/burial to incinerator/composter on the operation? (Not to include catastrophic mortality) (316 must be contracted)*	YES	2
	NO	0
Will the implementation of this application result in contracting practices that move concentrated feeding areas away from streams/water courses on or directly adjacent to the farm?*	YES	3
	NO	0
Will the implementation of this application result in contracting practices that address water quality due to sediment or nutrient runoff as a result of the current CAFO operation?*	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: Closure of Waste Impoundments Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will a waste impoundment closure be located within 500 feet of surface waters?*	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: Closure of Waste Impoundments Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the waste impoundment closure located within 1000 feet of a residential drinking water well?*	YES	1
	NO	0
Have calculations of the waste volume of the proposed waste impoundment closure been completed and is there sufficient land to apply the waste to?*	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: CPA DIA CEMA Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The application includes a DIA and/or CEMA?*	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: Crop Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will application result in implementation of Cover Crop that has a "very good" soil builder rating AND/OR planting a multi species cover crop?*	YES	4
	NO	0
Does the EQIP schedule of operations include practices that address ground or surface water impairment related to excessive nutrients, pesticides, or other pollutants?*	2+ Practices	4
	1 Practice	1
	0 Practices	0

Section: Forestry Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include plans to plant trees on steep mountain slopes greater than 15% slopes (D, E, or F soil(s)) or greater on the USDA soils map?*	YES	2
	NO	0
Does this application include the conversion of cropland or pastureland to forestland?*	YES	2
	NO	0
Does this application include planned 666 forest stand improvements to improve forest health, species diversity and/or planned treatment of eroding areas on forest land?*	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: High Tunnel Systems 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	3
	NO	0
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 and/or soil health?*	YES	1
	NO	0

Section: Irrigation Efficiency Center Pivot Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do fields in this application meet soil loss tolerance levels with the current cropping system?*	YES	2
	NO	0
Will implementation of this application result in elimination of an overhead sprinkler irrigation system?*	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: Irrigation Efficiency Microirrigation Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do fields in this application meet soil loss tolerance levels with the current cropping system?*	YES	2
	NO	0
Will implementation of this application result in elimination of an overhead sprinkler irrigation system?*	YES	2
	NO	0

Section: NWQI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the PLUs intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment? (Geospatial answer).*	Yes, Roaring River	50
	Yes, Lincoln County	--
	No	0

Section: On-Farm Energy Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Use the "Energy Cost Efficiency Worksheet" to calculate the estimated energy cost efficiency value for the conservation practices in the EQIP Plan/Schedule of Operations.*	Is the estimated energy cost efficiency 50 percent or more?	4
	Is the estimated energy cost efficiency between 30 and 50 percent?	2
	Is the estimated energy cost efficiency less than 30 percent?	0

Section: OTI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will you be planning 823 Organic Management?*	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: Pasture Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application result in livestock exclusion from all surface waters and wetlands that animals have access to? 382 must be contracted.*	YES	3
	NO	--
Does this application include 528 Grazing Management?*	YES	3
	NO	0

Section: Reapplication of Failed Practices Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the main objective of the application to address the reapplication of failed conservation practice(s) due to a storm event?*	Hurricane Helene	4
	Other Storm Event	2

Section: Regenerative Pilot Program Resource 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 last year of the contract. Soil and water resource concern thresholds must be met by the end of the contract on at least one land unit.	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: Urban Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the application include practices that address Pollinator/Beneficial Insect Habitat; stormwater runoff; soil health; existing erosion concern; Nutrient Management; and/or Pest Management?*	4 or more objectives	4
	3 objectives	3
	2 objectives	2
	1 objectives	1
	None	0

Section: Wildlife-Aquatic Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will the proposed practices target the recovery of a specific federal or state endangered species, threatened species, or species of concern (i.e. does the project target specific habitat needs of these species)?*	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: Wildlife-Early Successional & Pollinator Habitat Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application/practices create or enhance appropriate vegetative structure to maintain or improve Early Successional or Pollinator Habitat conditions (this will be dependent on conditions and could include flash grazing, brush management, burning, herbaceous weed treatment, etc.)?*	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: Wildlife-Forest Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application include controlling or reducing a minimum of 90% of invasive or non-native plants found in the proposed project area over the contract's life, as determined by the NRCS biologist?*	YES	4
	NO	0

Section: WLFW Golden Winged Warbler Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: WLFW Golden Winged Warbler Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the PLU intersect the priority area for conservation (PAC) filename WLFW Golden-Winged Warbler Priority Area FY21 in the CART geoportal? *	PLU intersects a PAC	20
	PLU is within 4 miles of a PAC	10
	PLU is within 9 miles of a PAC	5
	PLU is within 15 miles of a PAC	3
	Any other answer	0
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	7
	GWWA occurrence documented within 1 mile of the PLU	6
	GWWA occurrence documented within 2 miles of the PLU	5
	Any other answer	0
Are primary threats being addressed on the PLU? (Threats may be estimated using aerial images.) Threat 1. Loss of young forests habitat within eastern deciduous forests.*	Within 1.5 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	6
	Within 4 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	5
	Within 9 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 5 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	4
	Within 15 miles of the PLU, the landcover is more than 75 forested and more than 90 percent deciduous	3
	Any other answer	0
Are primary threats being addressed on the PLU? (Threats may be estimated using aerial images.) Threat 2. Lack of management in active, seasonally occupied breeding habitat.*	Habitat conditions on the PLU are degrading below GWWA nesting state (i.e., closed canopy sapling or shrub layer present and thus minimal or lack of herbaceous ground cover intermixed among shrub and sapling cover)	10
	Habitat conditions within 1.5 miles of the PLU are degrading below GWWA nesting state (i.e., closed canopy sapling or shrub layer present and thus minimal or lack of herbaceous ground cover intermixed among shrub and sapling cover)	7
	Does not apply	0
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	7
	Yes, within 9 miles	5
	Yes, within 15 miles	3
	No	0

Section: WLFW Hellbender Initiative Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: WLFW Hellbender Initiative Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
How many sources of erosion are entering the stream from the participants PLU?	All sources of erosion (sheet, rill, gully, or streambank) are addressed in this application or no erosion exists.	4
	At least 1 of 2 or 2 of 3 sources of erosion (sheet , rill, gully or streambank) will be reduced to tolerable levels through this application or erosion is already at tolerable levels (RUSLE2, SVAP2, PCS)	2
	Erosion is a resource concern, but will not be treated in this application.	0

Section: WNCSI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will this application result in soil erosion being treated in the project area? Must contract 327, 328, 329, 340, 342, 386,393, 412, 468, 484, 580, 584, and/or 612.	YES	3
	NO	0
Does this application have a minimum 30% design from an engineer that has been to the site and provided a conceptual drawing identifying NRCS practices?	YES	3
	NO	0
Does the proposed stream project/application involve stream length that is a minimum of 1,000 contiguous feet?	YES	3
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

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