

# Ranking Pool Report

**Ranking Pool** NC\_FY26\_Area 3\_EQIP Ranking  
Pool\_v2

**Program** EQIP

**Pool Status** Active

**Tags** ACT NOW, HU

**Template** EQIP

**Template Status** Active

**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 |

| Practice Name                                   | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |

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|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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            |

## Display Group: NC\_FY26\_Area 3\_EQIP Display Group\_v2 (Active)

 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 3? | Yes, the PLU is located within NC NRCS Area 3.    | --     |
|                                                                              | No, the PLU is not located within NC NRCS Area 3. | --     |

## Survey: Category Questions

| Section: Categories                                    |                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Question                                               | Answer Choices                       | Points |
| Choose the applicable categories for this application. | Act Now Long Leaf Pine Establishment | --     |

## Section: Categories

| Question | Answer Choices                                                   | Points |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|          | Act Now Long Leaf Pine Management                                | --     |
|          | AgChem Mix Facility                                              | --     |
|          | Aquaculture                                                      | --     |
|          | Beginning Farmer A3                                              | --     |
|          | CAFO Team 13                                                     | --     |
|          | CAFO Team 14                                                     | --     |
|          | CAFO Team 15                                                     | --     |
|          | CAFO Team 16                                                     | --     |
|          | CAFO Team 17                                                     | --     |
|          | CAFO Team 18                                                     | --     |
|          | Closure of Waste Impoundments                                    | --     |
|          | CPA, DIA, CEMA                                                   | --     |
|          | Crop Team 13                                                     | --     |
|          | Crop Team 14                                                     | --     |
|          | Crop Team 15                                                     | --     |
|          | Crop Team 16                                                     | --     |
|          | Crop Team 17                                                     | --     |
|          | Crop Team 18                                                     | --     |
|          | Forestry A3                                                      | --     |
|          | HTS A3                                                           | --     |
|          | Irrigation Efficiency Center Pivot Conservation                  | --     |
|          | Irrigation Efficiency Microirrigation                            | --     |
|          | NWQI Coharie                                                     | --     |
|          | On-Farm Energy                                                   | --     |
|          | Organic Transition Initiative                                    | --     |
|          | Pasture Team 13                                                  | --     |
|          | Pasture Team 14                                                  | --     |
|          | Pasture Team 15                                                  | --     |
|          | Pasture Team 16                                                  | --     |
|          | Pasture Team 17                                                  | --     |
|          | Pasture Team 18                                                  | --     |
|          | Reapplication of Failed Practices                                | --     |
|          | Regenerative Pilot Program                                       | --     |
|          | Reserve Category 1 (Choose only when state guidance is provided) | --     |

## Section: Categories

| Question | Answer Choices                                                   | Points |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|          | Reserve Category 2 (Choose only when state guidance is provided) | --     |
|          | Reserve Category 3 (Choose only when state guidance is provided) | --     |
|          | Socially Disadvantaged A3                                        | --     |
|          | Sustainable Forestry (SFLRP) Initiative                          | --     |
|          | Urban                                                            | --     |
|          | Wildlife - Aquatic                                               | --     |
|          | Wildlife - Early Succ & Pollinator Hab.                          | --     |
|          | Wildlife - Forest                                                | --     |

## 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.                                                                                              | 3      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes, the land in the application does fall within the watershed boundary of NCDA and CS Division of Soil and Water Targeted Watershed.                                                                       | 3      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 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      |
| 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      |

## Section: General: Program Questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Answer Choices               | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 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      |
| 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-Grazing Management, 5) 382-Fence?* | 5 practices                  | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4 practices                  | 12     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3 practices                  | 9      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 practices                  | 6      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 practice                   | 3      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 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: The application includes practices that retain or improve wildlife habitat on land touching Conservation Reserve Program (existing or recently accepted for enrollment in CRP), or on 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 practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators, beneficial insects, or both.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | YES                          | 6      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | NO                           | 0      |

## Section: General: Program Questions

| Question                                                                                                                                                                            | Answer Choices                                                    | Points |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 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 priority layer.              | 6      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | No, the PLU(s) does not intersect a national WLFW priority layer. | 0      |

## Section: ACT NOW Long Leaf Pine Establishment\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Answer Choices        | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Is at least 50% of the planned land units (PLUs) included in the application intersect the LLPI geodata boundary layer? (geospatially answered)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes, High LLP area.   | --     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes, Medium LLP area. | --     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No                    | --     |
| The application includes at least one of the applicable core practices or completes a conservation system that supports core practices that are documented as already applied on the land under contract, and practices in the application are predominantly practices which contribute to the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of longleaf pine ecosystems on the planned land units.* | YES                   | --     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NO                    | --     |

## Section: ACT NOW Long Leaf Pine Management\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Answer Choices        | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Is at least 50% of the planned land units (PLUs) included in the application intersect the LLPI geodata boundary layer? (geospatially answered)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes, High LLP area.   | --     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes, Medium LLP area. | --     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No                    | --     |
| The application includes at least one of the applicable core practices or completes a conservation system that supports core practices that are documented as already applied on the land under contract, and practices in the application are predominantly practices which contribute to the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of longleaf pine ecosystems on the planned land units.* | 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: Aquaculture Program Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                           | Answer Choices | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Is this application for the implementation of practice 643-Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities in North Carolina? | YES            | --     |
|                                                                                                                                    | NO             | --     |

## 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 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 Questions\*

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

## Section: Irrigation Efficiency Center Pivot 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 Questions\*

| Question | Answer Choices | Points |
|----------|----------------|--------|
|----------|----------------|--------|

## Section: Irrigation Efficiency Microirrigation 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, the PLU intersects the NWQI national layer of watersheds by at least 50%.         | --     |
|                                                                                                      | No, the PLU does not intersects the NWQI national layer of watersheds by at least 50%. | --     |

## Section: On-Farm Energy Questions\*

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

## Section: OTI Questions\*

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

## Section: Pasture 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 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 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 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: Sustainable Forestry Initiative\***

| Question                                                                                                                                                          | Answer Choices                                                             | Points |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Is the PLU located with the Sustainable Forestry Area and the conservation plan meets the objectives of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative?                      | Yes, the PLU is located within the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Area    | --     |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | No, the PLU is not located within the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Area | --     |
| Is the treatment requested by this application part of a conservation plan that when implemented will restore and/or manage a restored declining forest habitat?* | YES                                                                        | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | NO                                                                         | 0      |
| Will the treatment requested by this application result in conversion of open land that is Land Capability Class (LCC) IV or greater to the forest land?*         | YES                                                                        | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | NO                                                                         | 0      |
| Does the applicant meet the Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) producer definition?*                                                                                    | YES                                                                        | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | NO                                                                         | 0      |

**Section: Urban 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) must be within the NC Urban High Priority Area.   | 5      |
|                                                                                     | > 50% of the PLU(s) must be within the NC Urban Medium Priority Area. | 2      |
|                                                                                     | Otherwise                                                             | 0      |

**Section: Wildlife-Aquatic Questions\***

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

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

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

**Section: Wildlife-Forest 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             | --     |

**Survey: Resource Questions****Section: ACT NOW Long Leaf Pine Establishment Resource Questions\***

| Question | Answer Choices | Points |
|----------|----------------|--------|
|----------|----------------|--------|

## Section: ACT NOW Long Leaf Pine Establishment Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Answer Choices | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Does this application pertain to land that is contiguous to a protected area such as a national forest, military installation, national wildlife refuge, state forest, heritage reserve, or land protected by a perpetual conservation easement (e.g., WRP, FRPP, GRP, and TNC)?* | YES            | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NO             | 0      |
| Is the field (acreage) where practice installation will take place located within a state-designated priority county (or counties)? *                                                                                                                                             | Yes            | 10     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No             | 0      |
| Will the offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes            | 10     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No             | 0      |
| Does this application pertain to land with a forest management plan that includes prescribed burning in an established longleaf pine stand (not for site prep burning)?                                                                                                           | YES            | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NO             | 0      |

## Section: ACT NOW Long Leaf Pine Management Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Answer Choices | Points |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Does this application pertain to land that is contiguous to a protected area such as a national forest, military installation, national wildlife refuge, state forest, heritage reserve, or land protected by a perpetual conservation easement (e.g., WRP, FRPP, GRP, and TNC)? | YES            | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | NO             | 0      |
| Is the field (acreage) where practice installation will take place located within a state-designated priority county (or counties)?                                                                                                                                              | Yes            | 10     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No             | 0      |
| Will the offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes            | 10     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No             | 0      |
| Does this application pertain to land with a forest management plan that includes prescribed burning in an established longleaf pine stand (not for site prep burning)?                                                                                                          | YES            | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                         | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                         | NO             | 0      |

## Section: Aquaculture Questions\*

| Question                                                                     | Answer Choices                                                              | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| What is the Bottom Depth of Acreage?*                                        | The bottom depth of the acreage to be restored is Less than 12 ft.          | 2      |
|                                                                              | The bottom depth of the acreage to be restored is Greater than 12 feet.     | 1      |
| Is the project site at an existing reef with existing clutch or a new site?* | The project site has an existing clutch.                                    | 2      |
|                                                                              | The project site does not have an existing clutch and therefore a new site. | 1      |

## Section: Aquaculture Questions\*

| Question                                             | Answer Choices                                                                                                                     | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| What type of material will be used for bottom base?* | Oyster shells will be used for the bed restoration.                                                                                | 3      |
|                                                      | Clam shells will be used for the bed restoration.                                                                                  | 2      |
|                                                      | Combination of material including, but not limited to a mixture of the following: oyster, clams, dredged, mined and/or engineered. | 1      |

## 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            | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 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      |
| 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                     | NO             | 0      |

## Section: CPA DIA CEMA Resource Questions\*

| Question                                     | Answer Choices | Points |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| The application includes a DIA and/or CEMA?* | YES            | 1      |
|                                              | 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            | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                 | NO             | 0      |

## Section: Crop Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                                                 | Answer Choices | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 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   | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                                          | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                            | NO             | 0      |
| Does this application include the conversion of cropland or pastureland to forestland?*                                                                                    | YES            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                            | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                            | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                            | NO             | 0      |
| Will implementation of this application result in elimination of an overhead sprinkler irrigation system?* | YES            | 1      |
|                                                                                                            | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                            | NO             | 0      |
| Will implementation of this application result in elimination of an overhead sprinkler irrigation system?* | YES            | 1      |
|                                                                                                            | NO             | 0      |

## Section: NWQI Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                           | Answer Choices                                                                                          | Points |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Do the PLUs intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment? (Geospatial answer).* | Yes, the PLUs(s) do intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment.    | 50     |
|                                                                                                                    | No, the PLUs(s) do not intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment. | 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?        | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                                             | Is the estimated energy cost efficiency between 30 and 50 percent? | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                             | 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            | 1      |
|                                               | 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            | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                 | NO             | 0      |
| Does this application include 528 Grazing Management?*                                                                                          | YES            | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 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  | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                 | Other Storm Event | 1      |

## 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            | 2      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NO             | 0      |

## Section: Sustainable Forestry Initiative Resource Questions\*

| Question                                                                                                                                 | Answer Choices | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Will this application result in establishment or management of loblolly pine, shortleaf pine, wetland conifer or wetland hardwood trees? | YES            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                          | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | NO             | 0      |

## Section: Wildlife-Early Successional &amp; 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 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            | 1      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | NO             | 0      |

## Detailed Assessments

| Name | Type | Jurisdiction | Status |
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