

Lower Republican NRD EQIP Rankings FY2016

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
Cropland - Excess/ Insuff Water - IWM - LRNRD

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Cropland - Excess/ Insuff Water - IWM - LRNRD		Applicant:
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National Priorities Addressed

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2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15 Point(s)
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17. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in wind and water erosion control to "T" on all cropland in the contract?	26 Point(s)
18. Is the treatment you intend to implement identified in an current farm plan?	15 Point(s)
19. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including all five of the soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 20 and 21.	15 Point(s)
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	400 Point(s)

<p>2. Are at least 90% of the IWM contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10 - 2 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a two-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster Counties in the Republican River Basin in the state of Nebraska.)</p>	<p>150 Point(s)</p>
<p>3. Are at least 90% of the IWM contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10 - 5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster Counties in the Republican River Basin in the state of Nebraska.)(If question 2 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)</p>	<p>100 Point(s)</p>
<p>4. Are 100% of the IWM contract acres located within the Lower Republican Area? (Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster Counties in the Republican River Basin in the state of Nebraska.)(If question 2 or 3 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)</p>	<p>25 Point(s)</p>
<p>5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the soil moisture sensors being installed on 100 percent of the irrigated acres in your farming operation?</p>	<p>30 Point(s)</p>
<p>6. Is this the first time applicant has used Soil moisture sensors?</p>	<p>40 Point(s)</p>
<p>7. Is the applicant a Beginning Farmer/Rancher, Historically Underserved, or a Limited Resource producer?</p>	<p>20 Point(s)</p>
<p>8. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance or did applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?</p>	<p>15 Point(s)</p>
<p>9. Would the applicant who is applying for EQIP be receiving their first contract if successful? (applicant has never been associated with another EQIP contract or entity that had one)</p>	<p>20 Point(s)</p>

Ranking Score

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2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 50% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	90 Point(s)

3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 100% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	90 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in minimum of 25% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland? (CAN NOT BE ANSWERED IF #3 IS ANSWERED YES)	15 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conversion from gravity irrigation to a low pressure/improved sprinkler irrigation system?	50 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in sprinkler irrigation system efficiency improvements with Variable Zone Control on all irrigated cropland in the contract?	15 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in sprinkler irrigation system efficiency improvements with Variable Speed Control on all irrigated cropland in the contract?	10 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conversion from gravity irrigation to a microirrigation system?	5 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in high intensity soil moisture sensors being installed on 75% of the total contract acres?	15 Point(s)
10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in sprinkler irrigation system efficiency improvements on all irrigated cropland in the contract?	10 Point(s)
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13. Are at least 51% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 11 or 12 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	15 Point(s)
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19. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including all five of the soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 20 and 21.	15 Point(s)
20. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including three of the five soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 19 and 21.	10 Point(s)
21. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including at least one of the five soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 19 and 20.	5 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	400 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP be installed in cropland field(s) that have not been sodbusted since 2010 in any portion of the field?	25 Point(s)

3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in all ephemeral & gully erosion being adequately controlled on all contract acres?	35 Point(s)
4. Are at least 90% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-2 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a two-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)	65 Point(s)
5. Are at least 90% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 4 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	45 Point(s)
6. Are at least 51% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 4 or 5 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	25 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 65% or more of the contract acres planted to permanent vegetation?	60 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 50% or more of the contract acres planted to a cover crop?	25 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in water runoff from all cropland being controlled with one or more of the following practices, Diversion, Terrace, Underground Outlet, or Water and Sediment Control Basin?	55 Point(s)
10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in water runoff from all cropland being filtered with one or more of the following practices, Field Borders, Filter Strips, Riparian Forest Buffers, Riparian Herbaceous Cover, Grassed Waterway?	25 Point(s)

11. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a continuous no-till system on 100% of the cropland acres in the contract?	20 Point(s)
12. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a no-till system on at least 50% of the cropland acres in the contract?	10 Point(s)
13. Would the applicant who is applying for EQIP be receiving their first contract if successful? (applicant has never been associated with another EQIP contract or entity that had one)	10 Point(s)

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:	
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**Application Ranking Summary
Grassland - Degraded Plant Condition - LRNRD**

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Grassland - Degraded Plant Condition - LRNRD		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10 Point(s)
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	10 Point(s)
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10 Point(s)
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	

3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15 Point(s)
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	10 Point(s)
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10 Point(s)
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10 Point(s)
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10 Point(s)
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)
Soil Health:- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	10 Point(s)
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10 Point(s)
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10 Point(s)
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10 Point(s)

Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10 Point(s)
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining <u>questions in this section.</u>	250 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the protection and improvement to the resource base on all grazing <u>lands in the contract?</u>	24 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in improved soil quality with the use of either no-till or a resource conserving crop rotation on at least 50% of the land in the contract? See CSP enhancement CCR99 for conserving crop rotation definition.	16 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in improved water quality?	14 Point(s)
5. Does the applicant who is applying for EQIP qualify for Limited Resource status?	24 Point(s)

6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the use of variable rate technologies for nutrient application using computer controlled equipment that adjusts fertilizer application based on management zones or grids?	5 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP directly benefit a Federal or State listed, threatened, endangered or candidate species as identified in the State wildlife plan (Nebraska Natural Legacy Project)?	26 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in an invasive plant species which has been identified as a statewide concern?	11 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the collection and use of livestock manure or city sludge from a CNMP for beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in wetlands being created, restored or enhanced?	9 Point(s)
11. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP identified in an air quality assessment which will result in improved air quality?	5 Point(s)
12. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in pollinator habitat being created or improved? Practice applied result in plantings which include milkweed species among a diverse mix of flowering plants. (Practice 327 Conservation Cover, Pollinator criteria as noted in 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management)	9 Point(s)
13. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a tree and/or shrub planting for conservation purposes?	11 Point(s)
14. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP be applied on recently expired CRP, maintaining the CRP cover for the purpose of wildlife habitat, grazing or haying?	31 Point(s)
15. Will the irrigation system improvement you intend to implement using EQIP result in estimated water savings of at least 40% if located within an over appropriated river basin?	9 Point(s)

16. If the applicant who is applying for EQIP is also a previous/present contract holder or has been associated with a contract, has the applicant ever had a contract out of compliance or modified to reschedule a practice without a meritorious reason? Meritorious reason examples include personal hardship, adverse weather conditions, etc.	-25 Point(s)
17. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in wind and water erosion control to "T" on all cropland in the contract?	26 Point(s)
18. Is the treatment you intend to implement identified in an current farm plan?	15 Point(s)
19. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including all five of the soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 20 and 21.	15 Point(s)
20. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including three of the five soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 19 and 21.	10 Point(s)
21. Will the treatment you intend to implement support the National Soil Health Initiative by including at least one of the five soil health practices: 1) cover crops (340); 2) no-till (329); 3) conservation crop rotation (328); 4) nutrient management (590); and integrated pest management (595)? If yes do not answer questions 19 and 20.	5 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	400 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in proper grazing management where a season long grazing system is converted to a rotational grazing system?	80 Point(s)

3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in proper grazing management using a rotation system on all grazingland acres in the contract?	60 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in proper grazing management using a season long grazing system on all grazingland in the contract?	40 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the benefit to wildlife and/or wildlife habitat as approved by a wildlife biologist?	25 Point(s)
6. Are at least 90% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-2 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a two-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)	80 Point(s)
7. Are at least 90% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 6 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	60 Point(s)
8. Are at least 51% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 6 or 7 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	40 Point(s)
9. Would the applicant who is applying for EQIP be receiving their first contract if successful? (applicant has never been associated with another EQIP contract or entity that had one)	15 Point(s)

Ranking Score

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Application Ranking Summary
Grassland - LRNRD

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
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National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15 Point(s)
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2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10 Point(s)
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Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	

3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15 Point(s)
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	400 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in practices implemented on all grazing land in the contract that provide reliable livestock water sources and/or improved distribution and utilization?	80 Point(s)

3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in Grazing Management where a season long grazing system is converted to a rotational grazing system with facilitating practices?	60 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in grazing management using a rotation system with facilitating practices on all <u>grazing land in the contract</u> ?	40 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in grazing management using a season long grazing system with facilitating practices on all grazing land in the contract?	25 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the benefit to wildlife and/or wildlife habitat as approved by a wildlife <u>biologist</u> ?	5 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in early spring grazing (April 1st to May 1st) and deferred grazing June 1st to August 31st on 1 grazing unit or a minimum of 25% of the established grazing land in the contract to allow for permanent cover managed primarily for wildlife habitat? This deferment will be for 2 consecutive years.	60 Point(s)
8. Are at least 90% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-2 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a two-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)	60 Point(s)
9. Are at least 90% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 8 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	40 Point(s)
10. Are at least 51% of the contract acres located within the Lower Republican 10-5 Area? (Designated as areas where stream depletions of 10% occur over a five-year period in Franklin, Furnas, Harlan, and Webster counties in the Republican River Basin in the State of Nebraska.)(If question 8 or 9 is YES, then you CAN NOT answer this question.)	20 Point(s)

11. Would the applicant who is applying for EQIP be receiving their first contract if successful? (applicant has never been associated with another EQIP contract or entity that had one)	5 Point(s)
12. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in riparian area management adjacent to streams and lakes with less than 50% utilization of the annual forage production within all riparian areas in the contract?	5 Point(s)

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