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**Application Ranking Summary
Cropland Excess/ Insufficient Water - NPNRD**

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Cropland Excess/ Insufficient Water - NPNRD		Applicant:
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3. Will the water conservation practice you intend to implement using EQIP result in irrigated cropland being converted to non-irrigated dryland cropland?	11 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on all irrigated land in the contract?	96 Point(s)
5. Will the water conservation practice (pivot conversion) you intend to implement using EQIP result in >20% of the contracted acres being converted to dryland?	41 Point(s)
6. Will the water conservation practice (pivot conversion) you intend to implement using EQIP result in 15% - 20% of the contracted acres being converted to dryland?	23 Point(s)
7. Will the water conservation practice (pivot conversion) you intend to implement using EQIP result in 14.9 - 5% of the contracted acres being converted to dryland?	15 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in Irrigation pipelines to bring surface water to land prviously irrigated with ground water?	28 Point(s)
9. Will the water conservation practice you intend to implement using EQIP improve irrigation efficiency by converting an existing gravity irrigation system to a subsurface drip system?	34 Point(s)
10. Will the water conservation practice you intend to implement using EQIP improve irrigation efficiency by converting an existing gravity irrigation system to a low pressure drop system?	13 Point(s)
11. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in sprinkler irrigation system efficiency improvements on all irrigated cropland in the contract?	12 Point(s)
12. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in Irrigation Water Management, using a flow meter, on all irrigated cropland in the contract?	1 Point(s)
13. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in no-till with no row cultivation and no more than 1 ground disturbing pass related to fertilizing and planting, on all cropland in the contract?	18 Point(s)
14. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in result in site specific (grid soil sampling, variable rate applicators, GPS based) nutrient management on all cropland in the contract?	12 Point(s)

15. Will the treatment you intend to implement contain a real time soil moisture monitoring recorder?	14 Point(s)
16. Application is located in Local Resource Area of Concern. (PC, LOL)	12 Point(s)
17. Will the treatment you intend to implement result in a full circle center pivot	10 Point(s)
18. Will the treatment you intend to implement result in a partial circle center pivot but more then or equal to 80% of a full circle	8 Point(s)
19. Will the treatment you intend to implement result in a partial circle center pivot but more then or equal to 50% of a full circle	5 Point(s)
20. Will the treatment you plan to implement result in a center pivot sprinkler without a end gun.	5 Point(s)
21. Will the water conservation practice you intend to implement using EQIP result in irrigated cropland being converted to non-irrigated perennial vegetation used only for wildlife on all contracted acres?	23 Point(s)
22. Will the land be converted to dryland on land currently supplied with ground water only?	2 Point(s)
23. Will the land be converted to dryland on land currently supplied with comingled water?	1 Point(s)

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3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a rotation with 100% no-till on all cropland in the contract?	25 Point(s)
4. Will the no-till you adopt not have a fallow period.	10 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in terraces on all cropland HEL map units in the contract?	19 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in all cropland having nutrient management incorporated with site specific (grid, variable rate applicators, GPS) methods?	17 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in Pest Management (integrated pest management, pesticide assessments) on all cropland in the contract?	15 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in reducing erosion to "T" or less on all HEL cropland fields with an existing ACS?	18 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in wind erosion (soils map units with EI?8) control to "T" or less on all cropland in the contract?	14 Point(s)
10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in reducing erosion to "T" or less on all NHEL cropland fields in the contract?	13 Point(s)
11. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the establishment of wildlife habitat(conversion from cropland) using Upland Wildlife Habitat Management on at least 10% of the contract?	18 Point(s)
12. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in water runoff from all cropland being trapped or filtered with practices such as Field Borders, Filter Strips, Riparian Forest Buffers, Riparian Herbaceous Cover, Grassed Waterway, Diversion or Terrace - closed outlet only, Water and Sediment Control Basin?	14 Point(s)
13. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in all ephemeral & gully erosion being adequately controlled?	16 Point(s)
14. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in grass field borders on slopes greater than 5% on all cropland in the contract?	14 Point(s)

15. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP address a targeted resource issue within a Local Work Group identified natural resource area of concern?	8 Point(s)
16. Is the treatment you intend to implement in a high priority watershed with a developed management plan? (TMDL, Phase III or IV, GWMA) 9-mile, LOL	8 Point(s)
17. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in addressing water quality on land located in a NRD ground water management area?	8 Point(s)
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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 Deferred Grazing rotation with growing season rest (4/1 - 7/15) on one of the established grazing land pasture in the contract to allow for wildlife use.	63 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 system with facilitating practices?	60 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in riparian area management adjacent to streams and lakes with less than 40% utilization of the annual forage production within all riparian areas in the contract?	45 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in gazing management using a season long grazing system with facilitating practices on all grazingland in the contract?	39 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in permanent cover managed primarily for wildlife habitat with managed or no livestock grazing allowed during the growing season on all grassland in the contract?	33 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the establishment of wildlife habitat (conversion from cropland) using Upland Wildlife Habitat Management on at least 10% of the contract?	24 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in grazing management using a rotation system with facilitating practices on all grazingland in the contract?	54 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the establishment of a rangeland monitoring system.	16 Point(s)
10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in Deferred Grazing with full season rest (4/1 - 10/1) on 50% or more of the established grazing land in the contract to allow for recovery (from drought, fire, insects, hail damage, and overgrazing)?	66 Point(s)

Ranking Score

Efficiency:
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State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

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