



# **Big Bend Local Work Group**

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To: David Brown  
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Subject: Big Bend Local Working Group recommendations.

The Big Bend Team Local Working Groups (LWG) objective is to assist landowners and land managers with implementation of conservation measures that provide resource benefits for the following number 1 resource priorities by land use:

**See Attachment, *Top Resource Concerns for BBT.docx***

The Big Bend LWG chose six funding pools to assist in distribution of funds to different land uses and geographic areas. Each is identified to receive a percentage of the Big Bend Teams total EQIP allocation.

- 1. Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) Irrigated (40%)**
- 2. Upper Yakima Irrigated (28%)**
- 3. Livestock (15%)**
- 4. Orchard/Vineyard (5%)**
- 5. Dry Land (5%)**
- 6. Forestry/General (7%)**

Fund distribution will be completed in the following process:

- Funds will be distributed to each pool based on the Local Working Groups funding percentages.
- The highest ranked applications in each pool will be funded until all funds are exhausted.
- If all applications are funded within the pool, any remaining funds will be moved to the remaining funding pools. This will be prorated based on the LWG's fund percentages.
- Any remaining funds and applications will be moved to the general pool 30 days prior to contract obligation deadline. Funding will go to the highest ranked application until all remaining funds are exhausted.
- All tie scores will be broken using a random number generator in ProTracts NRCS software.

**Eligible practice list:** See attached, *FY2010 EQIP Eligible Practices.xlsx*

**Protracts Ranking Tool:** See attached, *BB Ranking 2012.docx*

**Local Working Group Participants and Ground Rules:** See attached, *BBT Ground Rules and contacts.docx*



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## **Partnership Contributions:**

- Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD)
  1. Engineering assistance with in-stream projects through task order agreements.
  2. Biological & Cultural review assistance on projects with joint NRCS and KCCD funding.
  
- Grant Conservation District (GCD)
  1. AFO-CAFO design and implementation assistance on dairies.
  
- Warden Conservation District (WCD)
  1. Technical assistance through task orders on Wildlife habitat design, layout and certification for 2008 – 2011 EQIP contracts.
  
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Pheasants Forever (PF)
  1. Direct technical assistance with job sheets for wildlife food plots and nesting habitat.
  2. Direct technical assistance to EQIP participants with wildlife habitat design and installation.

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## **Attachments:**

1. *Top Resource Concerns for BBT.docx*
2. *FY2010 EQIP Eligible Practices.xlsx*
3. *BB Ranking 2012.docx*
4. *BBT Ground Rules and contacts.docx*

**FY2012 - Big Bend Team - EQIP**

<b>Practice Name</b>	<b>Practice Hold Down NTE \$ 1/</b>
Access Control (472)	\$10,000
Access Road (560)	\$10,000
Agrichemical Handling Facility (309)	\$10,000
Brush Management (314)	\$5,000
Composting Facility (317)	\$10,000
Conservation Cover (327)	\$10,000
Cover Crop (340)	\$5,000
Cover Crop (340) Dryland	\$10,000
Critical Area Planting (342)	
Diversion (362)	
Fence (382)	\$50,000
Fish Passage (396)	\$10,000
Forest Slash Treatment (384)	\$15,000
Forest Stand Improvement (666)	\$25,000
Fuel Break (383)	\$10,000
Heavy Use Area Protection (561)	
Integrated Pest Management (595)	\$25,000
Integrated Pest Management (595) UY and Forestry	\$1,000
Irrigation Pipeline (430)	\$50,000
Irrigation Pipeline (430) GWMA	\$5,000
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441)	\$50,000
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) GWMA	\$25,000
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) UY	\$50,000
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443) (gated pipe)	\$50,000
Irrigation Water Management (449)	\$10,000
Irrigation Water Management (449) UY	\$1,000
Mulching (484)	\$5,000
Nutrient Management (590)	\$10,000
Nutrient Management (590) UY	\$5,000
Pipeline (516)	\$25,000
Pond (378)	\$10,000
Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A)	\$25,000
Prescribed Grazing (528)	
Pumping Plant (533)	\$10,000
Pumping Plant (533) GWMA	\$2,000
Pumping Plant (533) Variable Frequency Drives	\$10,000
Range Planting (550)	\$25,000
Residue Mgmt, Mulch Till (345)	\$25,000
Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S (329)	\$25,000
Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S (329) GWMA	\$5,000
Rest. & Mgt of Rare & Declining Habitats (643)	\$10,000
Sediment Basin (350)	
Spring Development (574)	
Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen (395)	\$10,000
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)	\$10,000

## FY2012 - Big Bend Team - EQIP

Practice Name	Practice Hold Down NTE \$ 1/
Stripcropping (585)	\$10,000
Structure for Water Control (587) Irrigation	\$5,000
Structure for Water Control (587) Irrigation - GWMA	\$1,000
Structure for Water Control (587) Instream Structure	\$10,000
Structure for Water Control (587) Fish Screen	\$25,000
Subsurface Drain (606)	\$5,000
Terrace (600)	
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)	\$5,000
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)	\$10,000
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)	
Waste Storage Facility (313)	\$50,000
Waste Transfer (634)	\$50,000
Water Well (642)	\$10,000
Water Well Decommissioning (351)	
Watering Facility (614)	

**Footnotes:**

1/ The listed practice hold-downs are per contract, and apply to all applicants. Applicants qualifying as Historically Underserved (Beginning, Limited Resource, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers or Ranchers) will receive an increase in payment rates; the listed hold-down per contract is not increased.

2/ Incentive payments for a Management/Incentive practice will be allowed for one to three years in the contract. If Residue Management practices (329 and 345) are scheduled for multiple years, the scheduled years must be consecutive. scheduled for 3 consecutive years.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Application Ranking Summary  
Big Bend Team - General EQIP FY 2012**

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	10 Point(s)
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	5 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	15 Point(s)
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	15 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	10 Point(s)
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	5 Point(s)
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	5 Point(s)
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Assist in producing energy from renewable resources (solar, wind, biofuel, etc)?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	10 Point(s)

8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	10 Point(s)
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	5 Point(s)
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	5 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	9 Point(s)
2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer? .....(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	4 Point(s)
3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map? ( <a href="http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm">http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm</a> )	11 Point(s)
4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?)	4 Point(s)
5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act?	8 Point(s)
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	4 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>Cropland - Irrigated GWMA Application Category --- Select all that apply</b>	
1. Cropland - Irrigated GWMA Application Category..... Will the practices entered for the application address the GWMA resource priority "Water Quality- sedimentation, excess nutrients & organics, and pesticides"? Enter "yes" for applications containing any of the following NRCS practice codes, 441-trickle and drip irrigation, 442-sprinkler irrigation, 590-nutrient management, 595-pesticide management.	250 Point(s)
2. Cropland - Irrigated GWMA Application Category..... Applicant has not had an EQIP (General) contract in the past five years?	25 Point(s)
Cropland – Irrigated GWMA Application Category -- select "yes" only one time for next 2	
3. Cropland - Irrigated GWMA Application Category..... Will trees, shrubs (600 minimum) and grass planting (2 acre minimum) or the entire corner be established for wildlife habitat? Enter "yes" for applications containing any of the following NRCS practice codes: 612 - Tree & Shrub Planting, 643 - Restoration and Management of Rare & Declining Habitats (cannot install just grass).....(1 of 2, select "yes" one time)	25 Point(s)
4. Cropland - Irrigated GWMA Application Category..... Will trees, shrubs or forbs be planted for increased beneficial insect habitat? (Orchard/Vineyard Only).....Grant points to applications containing practices or components listed under NRCS practice code 643-Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats or 612-Tree & Shrub Planting. ....(2 of 2, select "yes" one time)	25 Point(s)
<b>Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category --- select all that apply</b>	
Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category ---- Irrigation Conversions .....select "yes" only one time for next 7 "Surface Irrigation will be converted to a more efficient system" Surface irrigation is the distribution of irrigation water by surface means such as furrows, borders, contour levees, or contour ditches. Grant points if the application includes conservation practices that directly improve irrigation efficiencies on land that has historically been and is currently under surface irrigation. This includes the use of gated pipe, sprinkler, and trickle systems. Evaluation may be based on case file information and applicant interview. Different points have been assigned by the LWG based on the proposed system change.	

1. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category ..... Will surface irrigation be converted to trickle/micro irrigation? ..... (1 of 7, select "yes" one time) “Surface Irrigation will be converted to a more efficient system” Surface irrigation is the distribution of irrigation water by surface means such as furrows, borders, contour levees, or contour ditches. Grant points if the application includes conservation practices that directly improve irrigation efficiencies on land that has historically been and is currently under surface irrigation. This includes the use of gated pipe, sprinkler, and trickle systems. Evaluation may be based on case file information and applicant interview. Different points have been assigned by the LWG based on the proposed system change.	100 Point(s)
2. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will surface irrigation be converted to solid set sprinkler?..... (2 of 7, select "yes" one time)	75 Point(s)
3. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will surface irrigation be converted to wheel line?..... (3 of 7, select "yes" one time)	75 Point(s)
4. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will surface irrigation be converted to center pivot?..... (4 of 7, select "yes" one time)	100 Point(s)
5. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will surface irrigation be converted to hand line or K-line?..... (5 of 7, select "yes" one time)	75 Point(s)
6. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will tailwater recovery be installed on surface irrigated land?..... (6 of 7, select "yes" one time)	100 Point(s)
7. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will a gated pipe be installed on a surface irrigation system?..... (7 of 7, select "yes" one time)	50 Point(s)
Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category - Open Ditch -- select "yes" only one time for the next 4	
8. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will an open surface ditch be piped? Only applies to a ditch outside the scope of a new irrigation systems requirements.....Irrigation Seepage Loss Factor exceeds 75, See "FY 09 Big Bend Seepage Factor Chart" .....(1 of 4, select "yes" one time)	125 Point(s)
9. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will an open surface ditch be piped? Only applies to a ditch outside the scope of a new irrigation systems requirements.....Irrigation Seepage Loss Factor between 40-74, See "FY 09 Big Bend Seepage Factor Chart" .....(2 of 4, select "yes" one time)	90 Point(s)
10. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will an open surface ditch be piped? Only applies to a ditch outside the scope of a new irrigation systems requirements.....Irrigation Seepage Loss Factor between 39- 20, See "FY 09 Big Bend Seepage Factor Chart" .....(3 of 4, select "yes" one time)	55 Point(s)
11. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will an open surface ditch be piped? Only applies to a ditch outside the scope of a new irrigation systems requirements.....Irrigation Seepage Loss Factor 19 and below, See "FY 09 Big Bend Seepage Factor Chart" .....(4 of 4, select "yes" one time)	20 Point(s)
Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category --- select all that apply	
12. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category.....Will Irrigation Water Management, Nutrient Management or Intergrated Pest Management be applied to improve ground and surface water quality?	25 Point(s)
13. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will a practice be implemented that will reduce or eliminate offsite impacts from tailwater contaminants?	75 Point(s)
14. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will a practice be installed that will eliminate barriers or provide upstream passage to fish? ..... Also assign points for installing fish screens or installing an irrigation delivery system bypassing creeks and streams, eliminating the need for a fish screen.	50 Point(s)
15. Cropland – Irrigated UYR Application Category..... For projects that will address irrigation erosion, Does the average slope range for the primary soil map unit exceeds 3% on the planning unit? ..... Example: Primary soil map unit #41 Ephrata fine sandy loam 2-5% would equal 3.5%, therefore receiving points.	25 Point(s)

16. Cropland - Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will trees, shrubs (300 minimum) and grass planting (1 acre minimum) or the entire corner will be established for wildlife habitat? Or will Riparian Forest Buffer be implemented? (300 tree or shrub minimum)	75 Point(s)
17. Cropland - Irrigated UYR Application Category..... Will nesting habitat be developed for wildlife?..... (minimum 4 acres contiguous irrigated), or will a wildlife food plot be implemented? (Grain corn or wildlife mix on 1.5 contiguous acres irrigated)	35 Point(s)
<b>Grazing land - Livestock Application Category --- select all that apply</b>	
1. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a treatment system incorporating composting of animal waste be installed as part of a CNMP? ..... Examples of a practice include: Composting Facility (317).	50 Point(s)
2. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a practice be applied for treatment and/or application of animal waste..... Evaluation may be based on case file information or applicant interview. Treatment of the problem will include the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan.	50 Point(s)
3. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a previously grazed riparian area be fenced?..... "Livestock have uncontrolled access to riparian areas" Grant points if there are riparian areas that are not fenced and there is sufficient indication that grazing of domestic animals occur within these areas. Evaluation may be based on aerial photos, case file information, and applicant interview. Riparian areas are defined as ecosystems that occur along watercourses or water bodies. They are distinctly different from the surrounding lands because of unique soil and vegetation characteristics that are strongly influenced by free or unbound water in the soil. Riparian ecosystems occupy the transitional area between the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Typical examples would include floodplains, stream banks, and lake shores.	115 Point(s)
4. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Does the applicant agree to apply prescribed grazing on the proposed contract acres?	130 Point(s)
5. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Does the application contain practices that will reduce contamination of a stream which supports listed anadromous salmonid?..... The stream can be either running through it, or be adjacent to as identified on the map (Distribution of Federally-Listed Salmon, Trout, and Char on Private and Tribal Lands dated September 2002).	50 Point(s)
6. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Is proposed contract area located within the boundaries of the Wilson Creek Sub-basin Bacteria TMDL and includes a practice to reduce bacteria inputs to surface water?..... "Contract area contributes surface water runoff to the Wilson Creek sub-basin" Project shall receive points if: The TMDL boundaries are defined on the Wilson Creek Sub-basin map produced by the Kittitas County Conservation District August 2004.	50 Point(s)
7. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will a practice be implemented improving grazing distribution within the planning unit?	150 Point(s)
8. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will range planting be completed on a minimum of 100 acres or the entire range unit if smaller than 100 acres?	75 Point(s)
9. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will Irrigation Water Management, Nutrient Management or Intergrated Pest Management be applied to improve ground and surface water quality?	25 Point(s)
10. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will trees, shrubs (300minimum) and grass planting (1 acre minimum) or the entire corner will be established for wildlife habitat? Or will shrub steppe habitat be improved through native grass seeding and/or brush management? Or will forest stand improvement be applied to aspen stands greater than 1 acre in size? Or will Riparian Forest Buffer be implemented? (300 tree or shrub minimum)	75 Point(s)
11. Grazing land - Livestock Application Category..... Will nesting habitat be developed for wildlife?..... (minimum 4 acres contiguous irrigated or 5 acres dryland grass plantings), or will a wildlife food plot be implemented? (Grain corn or wildlife mix on 1.5 contiguous acres irrigated or 5-10 acres of grain, dryland)	35 Point(s)
<b>Forest Application Category --- select all that apply</b>	

1. Forest Application Category ..... Will a practice be installed to address road runoff, sedimentation within 1000 feet of a salmonid bearing streams? ..... Grant points if there is sufficient indication that forest (private, non-industrial) access roads are delivering sediment directly or indirectly to salmonid-bearing streams and will meet Washington NRCS access road qualification standards. Evaluation may be based on the applicant's Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan, aerial photography, topographic maps, and applicant interview.	85 Point(s)
2. Forest Application Category..... Does the applicant agree to apply forest stand improvement on the proposed contract acres?	85 Point(s)
3. Forest Application Category ..... Does the applicant agree to establish trees native to the site on a minimum of 5 acres or the entire acreage if planning unit is less than 5 acres?	10 Point(s)
4. Forest Application Category.....Will vegetative re-establishment practices be applied in riparian area to benefit surface water quality?..... Grant points if the application includes a buffer practice that will provide a water quality benefit. Practices include tree & shrub planting and critical area plantings.	85 Point(s)
5. Forest Application Category..... Does applicant have an existing, current Forest Stewardship Plan or is the planning unit less than 20 acres in size.	40 Point(s)
6. Forest Application Category..... A Pest Management plan will be applied to address ground and surface water quality and air quality in forest land. Grant points to applications implementing an IPM plan. (Include Pest Management for 1 year only)	25 Point(s)
7. Forest Application Category..... Contracted practices will be funded only with NRCS cost share and landowner contribution.	50 Point(s)
8. Forest Application Category.....Will practices be implemented to treat forest disease or insect epidemics commonly found in central Washington (spruce budworm, mistletoe, or bark beetles)? Grant points to land units containing Disease or insects outbreaks in at least 10% of the stand and pose a significant threat to overall forest health and productivity. Qualifying forests must provide documentation from a professional forester (Forest Stewardship Plan, TSP, or NRCS approval).	50 Point(s)
9. Forest Application Category.....Will forest stand improvement be applied to aspen stands greater than 1 acre in size? Or will Riparian Forest Buffer be implemented? (300 tree or shrub minimum)	75 Point(s)
10. Forest Application Category.....Will habitat piles be developed for wildlife?	35 Point(s)
<b>Cropland – Dryland Application Category --- select all that apply</b>	
1. Cropland – Dryland Application Category ..... Will conventional tillage be converted to direct seed, no-till, strip till, mulch till or will Residue Management be applied to increase residue retention?..... This may occur in the entire rotation or during portions of the rotation that are identified in the 328 practice standard “Conservation Crop Rotation”	100 Point(s)
2. Cropland – Dryland Application Category..... Does the predominate soil in the proposed contract area have a “T” of 1, 2, or 3; or “I” of 86 or higher? .....The predominant soils are defined as soils that make up > 50 acres or > 1/3 of the field under consideration.	50 Point(s)
3. Cropland – Dryland Application Category.....Will Sediment Basins or terraces be applied?	30 Point(s)
4. Cropland – Dryland Application Category ..... Will a buffer or a vegetative practice be applied to benefit surface water quality? ..... Grant points if the application includes a buffer practice that will provide a water quality benefit. Cover crops, filter strips, field borders, grassed waterways, hedgerow plantings, contour grass strips, grass buffer strips, and riparian forest buffers are all examples of conservation buffers. Evaluation may be based on aerial photos, topographic maps, and applicant interview.	30 Point(s)
5. Cropland – Dryland Application Category ..... A Pest Management plan will be applied to address ground and surface water quality and air quality in dryland agriculture. Grant points to applications implementing an IPM plan.	25 Point(s)
6. Cropland – Dryland Application Category..... Nutrient Management will be applied to improve soil quality, ground & surface water quality..... Grant points to applications containing eligible components listed in the Big Bend Cost list.	25 Point(s)

7. Cropland – Dryland Application Category..... Will grass be established for wildlife habitat or will shrub steppe habitat be improved through native grass seeding and/or brush management on a minimum of 5 acres? Grant points to applications containing practices or components listed under NRCS practice code 643-Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats or 314-Brush Management.	75 Point(s)
8. Cropland – Dryland Application Category..... Will a wildlife food plot be implemented on 5 to 10 acres? Grant points to applications containing practice 643-Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats.	35 Point(s)
<b>Cropland – Orchard/Vineyard - BBT, Application Category --- select all that apply</b>	
1. Cropland - Orchard/Vineyard - BBT, Application Category..... Will the practices entered for the application address the Orchard/Vineyard resource priority "Soil Condition or Water Quantity"? Enter "yes" for applications containing any of the following NRCS practice codes, 449 irrigation water management, 590-nutrient management, 595-pesticide management or 309-Agrichemical handling facility.	100 Point(s)
2. Cropland - Orchard/Vineyard - BBT, Application Category..... The applicant has not had an EQIP (General) contract in the past five years?	25 Point(s)
3. Cropland - Orchard/Vineyard - BBT, Application Category..... Will trees, shrubs or forbs be planted for increased beneficial insect habitat?.....Grant points to applications containing practices or components listed under NRCS practice code 643-Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats or 612-Tree & Shrub Planting.	25 Point(s)