

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Questions
EQIP National Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative**

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer ALL of the following criteria that apply regarding the project's impact on addressing resource concerns. Maximum points 250.	
1. a The Schedule of Operations includes a seasonal high tunnel which will assist the producer to improve plant productivity, health and vigor.	75 Point(s)
1. b The Schedule of Operations includes a seasonal high tunnel which will assist the producer to grow plants in areas where they are not typically suited or adapted to grow.	75 Point(s)
1. c The Schedule of Operations includes practices or supports the use of existing practices (such as; cover crops, residue management, and residue and tillage management) which will result in a positive Soil Condition Index (SCI) score as determined by RIISLE II	50 Point(s)
1. d The Schedule of Operations includes supporting practices necessary to support a new or existing seasonal high tunnel in order to address soil erosion.	50 Point(s)
Answer ONE of the following criteria that apply regarding the projects ability to address excess nutrients and organics in surface water.	
2. a The Schedule of Operations includes a seasonal high tunnel which will assist the producer to reduce excess nutrients and organics in surface water from a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.).	75 Point(s)
2. b The Schedule of Operations includes a seasonal high tunnel which will assist the producer to reduce excess nutrients and organics in surface water from a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body".	25 Point(s)
Answer ONE of the following criteria that apply regarding the projects ability to address harmful levels of pesticides in surface water.	

3. a The Schedule of Operations includes a seasonal high tunnel which will assist the producer to reduce harmful levels of pesticides in surface water from a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.).	75 Point(s)
3. b The Schedule of Operations includes a seasonal high tunnel which will assist the producer to reduce harmful levels of pesticides in surface water from a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body".	25 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the planned high tunnel system the first high tunnel for the farm? Value = 20 pts	20 Point(s)
2. The site for the planned high tunnel does not require leveling, grading or drainage/water management for installation and operation? Value = 100 pts	125 Point(s)
3. Will 50% or more of the ag products produced be consumed or marketed within 50 miles of the farm? (May only answer "yes" to question 3 or 4 - not both) Value = 75 pts	75 Point(s)
4. Will 50% or more of the ag products produced be consumed or marketed within 100 miles of the farm? (May only answer "yes" to question 3 or 4 - not both) Value = 25 pts	25 Point(s)
5. Will the applicant operate the high tunnel without supplemental heat during the initial four years (NRCS lifespan) of use? Value = 20 pts	10 Point(s)
6. Does the application include Nutrient Management - Soil Health Assessment? Value = 20 pts	20 Point(s)