



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Fiscal Year 2017 Screening Worksheet
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Applicant Name:	Date:
Evaluator Name:	Application Number: 74054617_____
Fund Pool: FY17 NWT	Sign-Up Number:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranking based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application cutoff periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application cutoff period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant. Rank only the High screened applications.</p>	
If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority status in ProTracts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant’s EQIP Schedule of Operations will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before the ranking deadline. • The applicant has reviewed and approved the draft EQIP Schedule of Operations, NRCS-CPA-1155.
If Yes, Low Priority status in ProTracts. If No, continue to priority-based screening factors.	In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, • Failed to implement contract items in an existing EQIP contract according to the schedule in Form, NRCS-CPA-1155, “Conservation Plan and Schedule of Operations,” and the contract was modified to reschedule contract items installation and delays were not due to NRCS error or design delay – and/or, • Failed to implement rescheduled contract items agreed to according to Form, NRCS-CPA-153, “Agreement Covering Non-Compliance with Provisions of Contract,” and Form, NRCS-CPA-1156, “Revision of Plan/Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract,” – and/or • Applicant does not have a priority LWG resource concern.



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<p>If Yes, Medium Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application has a priority resource concern but does not meet the criteria required to be determined a High priority application.
<p>If Yes, High Priority status in ProTracts.</p>	<p>Application treats one of the following priority resource concerns and to the level described (circle the one the Schedule of Operations addresses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry: Implementing practices in a Forest Management Plan? • Soil Health: Implementing a soil health practice that addresses at least 3 of the following resource concerns. • Water Quality: Implementing practices that will address one of the Water Quality Degradation resource concerns listed: Excessive Sediment in surface water, excess nutrients in surface and ground water, or excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications. • Fish Passage: Will the project provide a habitat benefit to anadromous fish (not just resident trout) and project does not have a 100% blockage (or 0% passable) barrier downstream. • Fish & Wildlife Habitat (non-fish passage): Project implementation will be addressing Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife - Habitat Degradation? • Insufficient use of irrigation water: (No fund pool) but screen high if project addresses insufficient use of irrigation water
<p>Application Screening Priority:</p>	
<p>District Conservationist Approval Signature:</p>	