



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Fiscal Year 2017 Screening Worksheet
Beginning Farmer/Socially Disadvantaged and CAP Fund Codes**

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Applicant Name:	Date:
Evaluator Name:	Application Number: 74054617_____
Fund Pool: FY17	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>	
<p>If Yes, Low Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, continue to priority-based screening factors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant had a NRCS contract terminated or cancelled – and/or, • Applicant has a current contract not on schedule – and/or, • Applicant has received NRCS-CPA-153 on an active contract and/or, • Applicant does not have a LWG-prioritized resource concern.
<p>If Yes, Medium Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has a LWG-prioritized resource concern but does not screen as High Priority.



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If Yes, High Priority status in ProTracts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application treats a resource concern to the level required to get a High Priority on the LWG Screening Tool and/or;• Application is from a Veteran Farmer or Rancher and/or;• Application is for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)
Application Screening Priority:	
District Conservationist Approval Signature:	
Date Approved:	