



FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program Cover Crop Ranking Form

Applicant Information

Name:		Farm #:	Tract #:
County:		Field #:	

Application Eligibility

Did application meet all of the required questions on the FY 18 Application Eligibility Form? If Yes, please proceed to questions below. If no, Stop.	Yes	No	
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General Ranking Questions

(To be completed by staff based on application and supplemental information)		Yes	No	Points
1.	Does a current conservation plan and/or nutrient management plan completed by a certified planner or trained technician exist for the land/practice being requested? (within last 5 years)			Y=5 N=0
2.	Does a forest stewardship plan exist for the land/practice being requested? (within last 10 years) If yes, was the plan completed by a registered forester?			Y=3 N=0
3.	Is the land enrolled in the USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program?			Y=2 N=0
4.	Is there an NRCS comprehensive nutrient management plan completed by a certified planner?			Y=5 N=0
5.	Is the field and/or practice in the USDA-NRCS Focused Conservation Approach Area?			Y=0 N=10
6.	Is cooperator a first time or previous non-funded applicant of the Ag Enhancement Program?			Y=20 N=0
7.	If a non-first time applicant, did the cooperator successfully complete all AgEP contracts within the past 24 months?			Y=10 N=0

Total General Ranking Score:

Cover Crop Ranking Questions

(To be completed by staff based on the provided Evaluation Tool)		Yes	No	Points	Evaluation Tool
1.	Is the slope of the field 3% or less?			Y=5 N=0	map, soils info, soil loss equation, measurement
2.	Is the slope of the field 3.1 % to 8%?			Y=10 N=0	map, soils info, soil loss equation, measurement
3.	Is the slope of the field 8%-15%?			Y=15 N=0	map, soils info, soil loss equation, measurement
4.	Is the slope of the field 16% +?			Y=20 N=0	map, soils info, soil loss equation, measurement
5.	Is the field in the flood hazard area?			Y=5 N=0	WV Flood Tool https://www.mapwv.gov/flood/map/ or ArcGIS floodplain layer
6.	Does the field have a HEL determination?			Y=20 N=0	FSA Map
7.	Is the cover crop managed under a WV Nutrient Management Plan? (WVDA, NRCS)			Y=15 N=0	Ask cooperator
8.	Is the cover crop managed under a part of a conservation cropping system?			Y=15 N=0	Ask cooperator

Total Cover Crop Ranking Score:

Total General Ranking Score + Total Cover Crop Ranking Score: