



# FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program Critical Area Planting Ranking Form

## Applicant Information

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Farm #:</b>	
<b>County:</b>		<b>Field #:</b>	

## Application Eligibility

<b>Did application meet all of the required questions on the FY 18 Application Eligibility Form?</b> If Yes, please proceed to questions below. If no, Stop.	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
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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 <b>24 months</b> ?			Y=10 N=0
<b>Total General Ranking Score:</b>				

## Critical Area Planting Ranking Questions

(To be completed by staff based on the provided Evaluation Tool)		Yes	No	Points	Evaluation Tool	
1.	Is the area actively eroding?				PCSI – Erosion Score Y= assign points based on scale N=0	
	Sheet and rill erosion is active throughout pasture; rills 3-8 in. deep at close intervals and/or grazing terracettes are close-spaces with some slope slippage.			1=10		
	Most sheet and rill erosion confined to steepest terrain of unit; well defined rills 0.5-3 in. deep at close intervals and/or grazing terracettes present.			2=8		
	Most sheet and rill erosion confined to heavy use areas, especially in loafing areas and water sites; rills 0.5-3 in. deep			3=5		
	No current formation of rills; some evidence of past rill formation, but are grassed.			4=2		
	No evidence of current or past formation of sheet flow or rills.			5=0		
2.	Is this a heavily trafficked area?				PCSI – Soil compaction Y=assign points based on scale N=0	
	Excessive livestock traffic kill plants over wide areas.			1=10		
	Livestock trails common throughout. Off trail hoof prints common.			2=8		
	Surface runoff increased due to plant cover loss/soil compaction by livestock hooves.			3=5		
	Scattered signs of livestock trails and hoof prints, confined to lanes or small wet area			4=2		
	Not affected by livestock traffic			5=0		
3.	Is the slope 3% or less?			Y=5 N=0	Map, observation measurement	
4.	Is the slope of the field 3.1 % to 8%?			Y=10 N=0	Map, observation measurement	
5.	Is the slope of the field 9%-15%?			Y=15 N=0	Map, observation measurement	
6.	Is the slope of the field 16% +?			Y=20 N=0	Map, observation measurement	
7.	Is the area overstocked?			Y=5 N=0	NRCS Stocking Rate Worksheet	
8.	Is the area 36 feet + from the waterbody?			Y=5 N=0	Map, observation measurement	
9.	Is this a winter feeding area?			Y=15 N=0	Observation, ask cooperator	
10.	Is the pH?				Soil test results	
		5 and below				0
		5.1-5.5				2
		5.6-5.9				5
	6 and above			10		
<b>Total Critical Area Planting Ranking Score:</b>						

**Total General Ranking Score + Total Critical Area Planting Ranking Score:**