



FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program Exclusion Fence/Watering Systems 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	No	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?					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:					

Exclusion Fence/Watering Systems Ranking Questions

(To be completed by staff based on the provided Evaluation Tool)

	Yes	No	No	No	Points	Evaluation Tool
1. Is quantity and quality of livestock water sufficient and feasible in all planned fields?					Y=0 N=15	NRCS Watering Facility Engineering Design Guide/Observation
2. Are there other suitable livestock water sources (trough) available within 800 ft. horizontally or 200 ft. vertically of planned location of new trough?					Y=0 N=15	Cooperator input/Observation
3. Is there a livestock water source already developed? (just need pipe, troughs)					Y=10 N=0	Cooperator input/Observation
4. Will this proposed watering system being used to facilitate rotational grazing?					Y=20 N=0	Cooperator input/Observation
5. Will the livestock water quality be improved by developing a water source?					Y=10 N=0	Cooperator input
6. Will installation of new watering system/components provide for a winter grazing or winter feeding system which better protects and/or utilizes grassland?					Y=15 N=0	Cooperator input/Observation
7. Will this system be available to livestock year-round if needed?					Y=15 N=0	Cooperator input/Observation
8. Is there a livestock feeding area with unfiltered flow (bare ground) directly into waterbodies?					Y=20 N=0	Map
9. Will installing this practice protect both sides of the stream?					Y=20 N=0	Map/Observation
10. Will installing this practice exclude the portion of the stream under the cooperator's control?					Y=20 N=0	Map/Observation
11. Will fence improve water quality by reducing sediment, nutrients in an impaired water body?					Y=10 N=0	Watershed DEP 303(d) list/map
12. Is the area being fenced out in a high-quality streams watershed?					Y=15 N=0	eFOTG High Quality Streams List
13. Is the setback 36 feet or greater?					Y=15 N=0	Map/Observation
14. Will fence be excluding livestock from a pond and/or springs?					Y=10 N=0	Map/Observation
Total Exclusion Fence/Watering Systems Ranking Score:						

Total General Ranking Score + Total Exclusion Fence/Watering Systems Ranking Score: