West Virginia Conservation Agency

FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program
Pasture Division Fence/Watering System Ranking Form

Applicant Information

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

Application Eligibility

	Yes		No		
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.					

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?					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:					

Pasture Division Fence/Watering System Ranking Questions

	(To be completed by staff based on the provided Evaluation Tool)	Yes		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.	Are livestock already excluded from existing water sources? (streams, environmentally sensitive areas, ponds)					Y=15 N=0	Observation
7.	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
8.	Will this system be available to livestock year-round if needed?					Y=15 N=0	Cooperator input/Observation
9.	Is pasture/s overgrazed?					Y=5 N=0	Grazing Stick/WVU & UK Fact Sheets
10.	After fence installation, will watering troughs be available to all fields?					Y=20 N=0	Observation/ Ask cooperator
11.	Is this application in conjunction with a watering system application?					Y=20 N=0	Ask cooperator
12.	Does quality of forage exist for current livestock in proposed fenced area?						Pasture condition score index
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	Steps to take: 1. Determine pasture condition score 2. Select ranking points value for pasture condition score on bell curve 3. Multiply ranking points value by 1.5 Divide total tonnage by total acres.						EXAMPLE: Pasture Condition Score=28 Ranking points value from bell curve=48 points 48 x 1.5=72 72 Points
	Total Pasture Division Fence/Watering System Ranking Score:						
	Total General Ranking Score + Total Division Fence/Watering System Ranking Score:						