



FY 18 Agricultural Enhancement Program Watering Systems Ranking Form

West Virginia
Conservation Agency

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

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:						

Watering Systems 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
Total Watering Systems Ranking Score:							
Total General Ranking Score + Total Watering Systems Ranking Score:							