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Conservation Security Program (CSP) Self Assessment Tool for Riparian Corridors.

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The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide a method for you to assess the riparian corridors on your agricultural operation. These questions will help determine whether your agricultural operation meets the minimum CSP riparian corridor requirements for Tier 3.

Directions: Read and answer each question by checking **Yes** or **No**. A **NO** answer indicates that your Agricultural Operation **may not** meet the minimum riparian corridor criteria for Tier 3.

PERENNIAL AND SEASONAL STREAMS PRESENT <u>ON YOUR AGRICULTURAL OPERATION.</u>	YES	NO
1. Do the riparian corridors consist of undisturbed grass, trees or shrubs that averages at least 75' wide on each side?		
2. Stream banks are stable and have only a limited amount of sloughing or down cutting.		
3. Dikes and levees are not present, or if present, the stream can flow onto a remaining functional floodplain area that is at least twice as wide as the channel width at the top of bank elevation.		
4. Is your stream free of in-stream drop structures, dams, or diversions that limit fish movement to upstream habitat.		
5. Untreated feedlot runoff is prevented from entering the stream.		
6. Streams are fenced or managed to exclude or control livestock access.		