

# USDA-NRCS-MINNESOTA EQIP APPLICATION SCORING WORKSHEET

## National Priority Scoring for \_\_\_\_\_ County

(Complete individual factor parts only if cost-shared practices are to be installed)

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION # \_\_\_\_\_ FARM # \_\_\_\_\_ TRACT #(s) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### FACTOR A1 - SHEET AND RILL and/or WIND EROSION CONTROL on any land use

Weighted tons soil/ac./yr. to be saved = \_\_\_\_\_

- >0-<3  1 point
- 3-5  3 points
- >5  6 points
- 2 points

2 Additional points if Soil Conditioning Index changes from negative to at least 0.0 on the field

**Total A1 Points (Maximum 8)**

### FACTOR A2-CLASSIC OR EPHEMERAL GULLY CONTROL on any land use

Structural practice to control gullies 362, 410; 412; 638, 402\*

- 6 points

\*installed to control gully erosion

**A2 Points (Maximum 6)**

### FACTOR B1-WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PRACTICES

Practice 590

- 8 points

OR Practice 328b; 351; 391; 393; 595; 725; 472(in riparian areas)

- 6 points

OR Practice 332; 386; 449; 580; 362\*; 558\*, 360\*, 752

- 4 points

\*installed to improve water quality but not part of a complete runoff control system

**B1 Points (Maximum 8)**

### FACTOR B2- WASTEWATER AND RUNOFF CONTROL/CNMP

Either **SUBFACTOR 1. FEEDLOT RUNOFF CONTROL** (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX IF APPLICABLE)

FLEVAL Rating See Instructions

- 1-10  1 Points
- 11-25  2 Points
- 26-49  4 Points
- >49  6 Points

Or **SUBFACTOR 2. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION** See Instructions

- 6 points

Or **SUBFACTOR 3. SEASONAL LANDSPREADING** See Instructions

- 3 points

Or **SUBFACTOR 4. ANIMAL MORTALITY FACILITY; SILAGE LEACHATE ABATEMENT SYSTEM; OR MILKHOUSE WASTEWATER SYSTEM** - as a single practice See Instructions

- 4 points

1 Additional point if subfactor 4 is part of a waste system with other subfactors

- 1 point

**Total B2 Points (Maximum 7)**

### FACTOR C- HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Practice 380; 395; 643; 645; 647; 657; 402(for wildlife)

- 6 points

1 additional point if practice benefits a threatened or endangered species.

- 1 point

1 point for any practice that meets pollinator habitat guidelines

- 1 point

See instructions.

**Total C Points (Maximum 8)**

### FACTOR D AIR QUALITY

Practice is specifically installed to benefit air quality. See Instructions

- 6 points

OR Practice installed to benefit air quality as a secondary purpose.

- 1 point

See instructions

**D Points (Maximum 6)**

### FACTOR E- SENSITIVE WATERBODIES

Sensitive water body and requested practices address water quality concern

- 2 points

See instructions.

**E Points (Maximum 2)**

### FACTOR F-DISTANCE

Distance from applicable practice or field edge to a receiving water. **CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.**

	<u>&lt;100'</u>	<u>100 to 500'</u>	<u>501 to 1000'</u>	<u>1001 to 2000'</u>
Factors A1, A2, B1, B2	<input type="checkbox"/> 4pts	<input type="checkbox"/> 3pts	<input type="checkbox"/> 2pts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pts
<b>or</b>				
Factors C, G, H	<input type="checkbox"/> 3pts	<input type="checkbox"/> 2pts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1pts	<input type="checkbox"/> 0pts.

F Points (Maximum 4)

**NATIONAL PRIORITY SCORE**

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Factor A1. Erosion Control	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor A2. Gully Control	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor B1. Water Resource Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor B2. Wastewater/runoff/CNMP	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor C. Wildlife Habitat	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor D. Air Quality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor E. Impaired Water Body	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor F. Distance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total of National Priorities(must exceed 0)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**FACTOR G- PRESCRIBED GRAZING SYSTEM (move based on plant growth stage)**

Practice 528A or 528A1  6 points  
**G Points (Maximum 6)**

**FACTOR H-FOREST MANAGEMENT**

Practice: 655, 666, 490, 612  6 points  
**Total H Points (Maximum 6)**

**FACTOR I-ADDITIONAL LOCAL OR AREA CONCERN**

**6 pts.** Enter concern and appropriate practices. See instructions.  6 points  
**I Points (Maximum 6)**

**FACTOR J-COST EFFECTIVENESS**

Practices are a cost-effective solution for the primary concern  1 point  
**J Points (Maximum1)**

**SCORE**

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Total from National Priorities(above)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor G. Grazing System	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor H. Forest Management	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor I. Additional Local Concern	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Factor J. Cost Effectiveness	_____	<u>None</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total Points	_____*		=====!!!!!!		=====

\*Applications scoring less than 7 total base points (points before multiplying by the Priority weight) will be considered a low priority application and be ineligible for funding at this time.