

2008 NJ AMA Ranking System

Efficiency score multiplier: 2.0

The practice efficiency score is based on multiple resource concern effects, lifespan of system, and cost.

Maximum Points: 90

Local Multiplier: 2.0

AMA Local Issues		Value (Y/N)	Share of Points	Points Earned
1a.	Is the combined soils factor for the predominant soil type(s) greater than 6 and less than 12? (factor includes sheet and rill erosion potential, depth to seasonal high water table, and soil leaching index; range is 3 to 15)		22	
1b.	Is the combined soils factor (see above) for the predominant soil type(s) greater or equal to 12?		32	
2.	Is there a surface water body (blue-line stream or open water) less than 50' from a crop field or pasture fenceline?		28	
3.	Is the land under contract located in a watershed impaired by a pollutant that may have an agricultural origin as determined by NJDEP?		12	
4.	Are any of the following cropland-based conservation practices to be followed? Nutrient Management (590), Pest Management (595), and/or is the farm actively transitioning to an organic production system?		18	

Maximum Points: 90

State Multiplier: 1.0

AMA State Issue		Value (Y/N)	Share of Points	Points Earned
1.	Is the average annual gross farm sales \$75,000 or less for the last three years?		20	
2.	Does the farm total less than 50 acres of specialty/vegetable crops/pasture OR less than 200 acres of any other crops?		16	
3.	Were USDA program payments less than \$10,000 (total) over the last five years?		10	
4.	Is the production income more than 75% of the total household income? (For the previous tax year.)		8	
5.	Has the applicant obtained a Farm Operating Loan (private or government) to support the beginning farm operation?		16	
6.	Does the rented acreage total more than 50% of the total production acreage of the farm?		20	

Maximum Points: 90

Nat'l Multiplier: 1.0

AMA National Issue		Value (Y/N)	Share of Points	Points Earned
1.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using AMA result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediments, pesticides or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination and the conservation of ground and surface water resources?		30	
2.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using AMA result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground and surface water resources?		10	
3.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using AMA result in considerable reductions in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?		30	
4.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using AMA result in the considerable reduction of emissions such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality standards?		20	