

2007 NJ EQIP Ranking System - Limited Resource Producers & Beginning Farmers

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

| Local Issue | Value (Y/N) | Share of Points | Points Earned |
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| 1. Is the average annual gross farm sales \$75,000 or less for the last three years? | | 8 | |
| 2. Is the total household income (from all sources) \$55,146 or less for the previous tax year? (Adjusted gross income) | | 14 | |
| 3. Does the farm total less than 50 acres of specialty/vegetable crops/pasture OR less than 200 acres of any other crops? | | 16 | |
| 4. Were USDA program payments less than \$10,000 (total) over the last five years? | | 7 | |
| 5. Is the production income more than 75% of the total household income? (For the previous tax year.) | | 20 | |
| 6. Has the applicant obtained a Farm Operating Loan (private or government) to support the beginning farm operation? | | 12 | |
| 7. Does the rented acreage total more than 50% of the total production acreage of the farm? | | 13 | |

Maximum Points: 90

State Multiplier: 1.0

| State Issue | Value (Y/N) | Share of Points | Points Earned |
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| 1. Is the land under contract located in a watershed impaired by a pollutant that may have an agricultural origin as determined by NJDEP? | | 23 | |
| 2. Is the land under contract permanently deed restricted for agriculture through the NJ Farmland Preservation Program or any other state/local/private program? | | 13 | |
| 3. Is the land under contract located within the Highlands Preservation zone or the Pinelands Preservation zone? | | 8 | |
| 4. Do the practice(s) contracted complete a Resource Management System, addressing all the existing soil, water, air, plant and animal resource concerns for the land unit under contract? | | 33 | |
| 5. Are any of the following cropland-based conservation practices to be followed? Nutrient Management (590), Pest Management (595), and/or Transition to Organic (789) | | 13 | |

Maximum Points: 90

Nat'l Multiplier: 1.0

| National Issue | Value (Y/N) | Share of Points | Points Earned |
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| 1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations? | | 30 | |
| 2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources? | | 10 | |
| 3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a 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? | | 10 | |
| 4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land? | | 30 | |
| 5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation? | | 10 | |