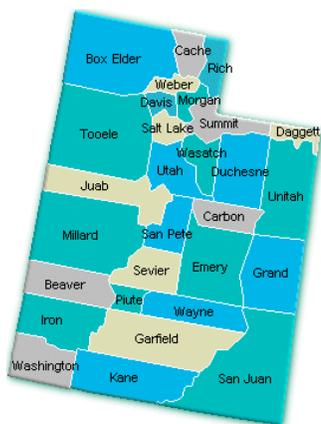


Poultry Shed-Air Quality Ranking Tool Questions and Instructions



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References:

- ◆ <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/>
- ◆ EFOTG
- ◆ CPM 440—Part 512 CPC
- ◆ CPM 440-Part 515 EQIP
- ◆ TMDL or Listed Watersheds:
- ◆ National Planning Procedures Handbook
- ◆ UT Bulletins
- ◆ Area Agronomist
- ◆ Technical questions on this ranking tool should be directed to Area Technical and Program Specialists.

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Note to all users: The official Application and Evaluation Ranking Tools are located in Protracts.

NATIONAL Priority Issues

Question 1: Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?

- To claim these points, the proposed project must be expected to meet Quality Criteria for all applicable NRCS Water Quality criteria.

Question 2: Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?

- To claim these points, the proposed project must be expected to meet Quality Criteria for all applicable NRCS Water Quantity criteria.

Question 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?

- To claim these points, the proposed project must include one or more of the conservation practices on page 3. (This is NOT the list of eligible practices.)

Question 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?

- To claim these points, soil erosion must go from above T to T or below T as a result of the proposed project OR Quality criteria for Soil Condition must be met as a result of implementing the proposed project.

Question 5: Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?

- To claim these points, the project must be expected to meet quality criteria for one or more of the four national at-risk species resource concerns (see list, left sidebar).

National At-Risk species Resource Concerns

- Plant Condition; Threatened and Endangered Plant Species
- Plant Condition; T&E Plant Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern
- Fish and Wildlife; Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species
- Fish and Wildlife; T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern

At-risk plant species are in Appendix C. - Rare Plant Species by Habitat Type
At-risk animal species are in Appendix A. - Utah CWCS Tier I, II, and III Species List.
See Utah-NRCS Website—Programs-EQIP tab.



STATE Priority Issues

Question 1: Does the cooperator have a current RMS plan on the CTU for the EQIP project ?

- To claim these points the RMS plan has addressed all (SWAPA) resource concerns on the Conservation Management Unit. (NPPH Amendment 3, 600.6-4) When ranking for AFO CAFO or Poultry Shed-Air Quality the CTU is the land, under control of the operator, that will be identified in the CNMP.

Question 2: Does the cooperator have one or more contracts that are behind schedule?

- Review 440-CPM, 512 and CCC-1200 Appendix signed by participant. Behind schedule is defined as an unapplied practice scheduled to have been installed prior to date of ranking.

Question 3. Does the cooperator have one or more contracts that have been cancelled, or terminated, or in the process of cancellation/termination?

- Answer as appropriate.

Question 4: Is this resource concern addressed by an approved areawide plan as defined by the National Planning Procedures Handbook?

- Is the planned project in an approved area wide plan as defined by the National Planning Procedures Handbook, and been designated as such by the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations? In order to answer yes to this question all of these REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.

Questions 5-11: Is one of the buildings where you will apply litter treatment within (x) miles of an incorporated city or town?

- Answer as appropriate.

EQIP National Priorities

1. Reductions of **nonpoint source** pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDLs where available as well as the reduction of ground-water contamination and reduction of point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations;
2. Conservation of **ground and surface water** resources;
3. Reduction of **emissions**, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
4. Reduction in **soil erosion and sedimentation** from unacceptable levels on agricultural land; and
5. Promotion of **at-risk species** habitat conservation.

Conservation Practices—to claim points for This Sub Fund the proposed project must include one or more of the following practices:

Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591) Atmospheric Resource Quality Management (370)	
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