

National Issue Questions	Responses
<i>Programmatically, there are ten resource concerns that can be addressed through the implementation of enhancements. The resource concerns are soil erosion, soil quality degradation, excess water, insufficient water, water quality degradation, air quality impacts, degraded plant condition, inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife, livestock production limitation, and inefficient energy use. Use this information to answer question 1.</i>	
1. Using the Summary of Screening Tool Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of resource concerns planned to be exceeded by the implementation of a new enhancement. From the below options, choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration.	
a. All ten resource concerns have a new enhancement planned.	100 points
b. Seven to nine resource concerns have a new enhancement planned.	80 points
c. Four to six resource concerns have a new enhancement planned.	60 points
d. One to three resource concerns have a new enhancement planned.	40 points
2. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, does application have CRP lands transitioning to CSP? Choose the response that is the best match.	
a. All transitioning CRP acres will maintain a permanent cover for the term of the CSP contract.	20 points
b. 50-99% of the transitioning CRP acres maintaining a permanent cover for the term of the CSP contract.	10 points
c. 25-49% of the transitioning acres maintaining a permanent cover for the term of the contract.	5 points
3. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, on all land uses, identify all years in the contract offer with no enhancements planned. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Visually, think of a matrix with enhancements listed on the vertical axis and fiscal year listed on the horizontal axis, how many intersections are zero or blank.	
a. No instances occur.	100 points
b. One instance occurs.	80 points
c. Two instances occur.	60 points
d. Three instances occur.	40 points
e. Four instances occur.	20 points
4. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, when are enhancements planned in the contract offer on all land uses? Choose the answer that is the best match.	
a. All planned enhancements are scheduled to begin within the first 12 months.	100 points
b. All planned enhancements are scheduled to begin within the first 24 months.	50 points
5. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of enhancements planned. From the below options, choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration.	
a. Planned enhancements cover 75% or greater of the land use acres.	100 points
b. Planned enhancements cover 50-74% of the land use acres.	50 points
c. Planned enhancements cover 25-49% of the land use acres.	25 points
6. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, are enhancement bundles planned? Choose the response that is the best match.	
a. At least one bundle is planned on every land use in the contract offer.	40 points
b. One or more bundles are planned on a single land use in the contract offer.	20 points
7. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of enhancements planned. How many acres are planned to improve habitat for T&E species or species of concern? Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration.	
a. 50% or more of the land use acres have planned habitat improvement.	20 points
b. 25-49% of the land use acres have planned habitat improvement.	13 points
c. 10-24% of the land use acres have planned habitat improvement.	6 points
8. Using producer decision side notes or the Conservation Plan, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of enhancements planned. How many acres are planned to improve soil health? Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration.	
a. Greater than 75% of the land use acres are planned to improve soil health.	20 points
b. 50-74% of the land use acres are planned to improve soil health.	13 points
c. 25-49% of the land use acres are planned to improve soil health.	6 points

State Issue Questions	Responses
<i>Use the following information to answer ONLY questions 1 and 2. The State's <u>targeted resource concerns</u> listed for this ranking pool in which this application is competing are <ProTracts autopopulates the five targeted resource concerns from the linked subaccount>. Use this information to answer questions 1 and 2.</i>	
1. Using the Summary of Screening Tool Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of targeted resource concerns addressed at the time of application. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration.	
a. All five targeted resource concerns are addressed.	30 points
b. Four targeted resource concerns are addressed.	24 points
c. Three targeted resource concerns are addressed.	18 points
d. Two targeted resource concerns are addressed.	12 points
e. One targeted resource concerns are addressed.	6 points
f. No targeted resource concern is addressed.	0 points
2. Using the Summary of Screening Tool Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of targeted resource concerns addressed by the end of the contract period. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration.	
a. All five targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	100 points
b. Four targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	80 points
c. Three targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	60 points
d. Two targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	40 points
e. One targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	20 points
f. No targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	0 points
<i>Use the following information to answer ONLY question 3. The other <u>resource concerns not targeted by the State</u> are <ProTracts autopopulates the five resource concerns not targeted from the linked subaccount>.</i>	
3. Using the Summary of Screening Tool Report, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of non-targeted resource concerns addressed by the end of the contract period. Choose the response that is the best match.	
a. All five non-targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	80 points
b. Four non-targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	64 points
c. Three non-targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	48 points
d. Two non-targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	32 points
e. One non-targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	16 points
f. No non-targeted resource concerns will be addressed.	0 points
<i>If the majority of the land (51% or greater) in the contract offer is within a State designated priority sub-geographic area of the designated fund pool (see delineated areas supplied by the State), answer question 4. Otherwise skip to the next question.</i>	
4. How many out of all ten resource concerns are being addressed by the end of the contract for this need (choose from the most relevant land use)?	
a. All resource concerns are addressed.	30 points
b. 8-9 resource concerns will be addressed.	24 points
c. 6-7 resource concerns will be addressed.	18 points
d. 4-5 resource concerns will be addressed.	12 points
e. 2-3 resource concerns will be addressed.	6 points
f. 0-1 resource concerns will be addressed.	0 points
g. The majority of the land is NOT in a state designated priority sub-geographic area.	0 points
<i>If the majority of the land (51% or greater) in the contract offer is within an airshed targeted for air quality improvement efforts (see delineated areas supplied by the State), answer question 5. Otherwise skip to the next question.</i>	
5. How many of the 9 remaining resource concerns are being addressed by the end of the contract in addition to air quality (choose from the most relevant land use)?	
a. All 9 resource concerns are addressed.	30 points
b. 7-8 resource concerns are addressed.	24 points
c. 5-6 resource concerns are addressed.	18 points
d. 3-4 resource concerns are addressed.	12 points
e. 1-2 resource concerns are addressed.	6 points
f. The majority of the land is NOT in a state designated priority airshed for air quality improvement.	0 points
<i>If the majority of the land (51% or greater) in the contract offer is within a watershed targeted for water quality improvement efforts (see delineated areas supplied by the State), answer question 6. Otherwise skip to the next question.</i>	

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6. How many of the 9 remaining resource concerns are being addressed by the end of the contract in addition to water quality (choose from the most relevant land use)?	
a. All 9 resource concerns are addressed.	30 points
b. 7-8 resource concerns are addressed.	24 points
c. 5-6 resource concerns are addressed.	18 points
d. 3-4 resource concerns are addressed.	12 points
e. 1-2 resource concerns are addressed.	6 points
f. The majority of the land is NOT in a state designated priority airshed for water quality improvement.	0 points