

**FY17 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM  
SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN OUTREACH RANKING QUESTIONS**

**State Issues:**

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question
1		State Ranking Questions:
	1	Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had a prior year EQIP contract which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? Do not answer this question if the contract was cancelled due to lack of TSP availability to complete the CAP plan.
	3	Will this application include one of the following practices, (314, 315, 382, 511, 512, 528, 560, 561)?
	4	Will this application increase the "Livestock Concentration Areas" score on the Pasture Condition Score Sheet by one point or more? (If they have No Pasture Condition Score Sheet answer No)
	5	Will this application increase the "Plant Cover" score on the Pasture Condition Score Sheet by one point or more? (If they have No Pasture Condition Score Sheet answer No)
	6	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to implement Prescribed Grazing (528)?
	7	Cropland acres will be converted to permanent pasture land Forage and Biomass Planting (512)? (Note: Change in production system must meet all the criteria identified in 515.81 4.i)
	8	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to address unmanaged runoff from the winter feeding location? Such as 393, 472, 561, 365, 635, etc...
	9	Will this application utilize EQIP funds to exclude livestock from streams and/or woodland?
	10	Noxious or Invasive species has been identified in the grazing operation and they will be addressed as part of this contract? (See attached FY 2016 Noxious and Invasive Plant Species List)
	11	Will adequate Watering Facilities (614) will be installed?

	12	The EQIP plan include the installation of an adequate Watering Facility (614) within 100 ft of the heavy use pad used for winter feeding?
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**Local Issues:**

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1		Local Ranking Questions
	1	Will land that is actively being row cropped or expired/expiring from CRP be converted to permanent pasture, Forage and Biomass Planting (512) and/or managed according to Prescribed Grazing (528)?
	2	Is available livestock water limiting proper grazing distribution which requires the installation of one or more of the following practices; Pipeline (516), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), Spring Development (574), Well (642), or Pond (378)?
	3	Will livestock be excluded from environmentally sensitive areas such as Riparian Areas, Wetland, Perennial/Intermittent Streams and Woodlots) by implementing Fence (382), Access Control (472), or Stream Crossing (578)?
	4	Does the proposed plan have noxious and/or invasive plants present & is the producer willing to implement Brush Management (314) or Herbaceous Weed Control (315)?
	5	One of the following practices included in the application, Heavy Use Pad (561), Access Road (560), or Trails and Walkways (575) will be utilized during drought or winter feeding periods by the participant?
	6	The EQIP application includes a Prescribed Grazing System (528) which will be implemented with a short duration grazing system of 7 days or less on each paddock (Medium Intensity or above)?