

Ranking Tool Summary

for FY2009 - WHIP - CCPI

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Description:

This fund code is for producers in the twenty-eight 2009 Whip Priority Counties to participate in the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) "Priority Bobwhite Quail and Pollinator Habitat" project partnered with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This project is to stimulate an increase in adoption of priority bobwhite quail and pollinator habitat practices by owners/operators of agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands in the restoration counties identified through the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative and TWRA. Pollinator habitat applications are limited to the WHIP-CCPI fund code. All other applications will be made in the EQIP-CCPI fund code. NRCS financial assistance will be through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). TWRA will provide financial incentives for specific practice treatments not to exceed \$5,000 per contract. The priority counties are: Carroll, Coffee, Crockett, Cumberland, Dyer, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Greene, Hawkins, Haywood, Henry, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Loudon, Madison, Meigs, Monroe, Montgomery, Maury, McMinn, Obion, Rhea, Robertson, Sumner, Tipton and Weakley. NOTE: Before being ranked, all applicants must pass the Tennessee EQIP & WHIP Screening Tool.

Land Uses:

Crop, Forest, Wildlife

Efficiency Score:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Optional Notes:

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 10.00

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitats?	90
2	Are the planned restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitat conservation practices of a self-sustaining nature such as a native perennial plant?	60
3	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat to benefit at-risk species?	100
4	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species?	100
5	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats?	70
6	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats?	80
Total Points		500

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 10.00

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
	1	Will the contract include at least 5 acres of cropland or grassland converted to a specified native grass/forb pollinator mixture, including at least 2.5% in shrub thicket or hedgerow?	30
	2	Will the contract include three acres or greater in field borders established to a specified native grass/forb pollinator mixture?	20
	3	Will the contract include less than three acres in field borders established to a specified native grass/forb pollinator mixture?	15
	4	Will the applicant agree to protect all established pollinator habitat from insecticide applications or drift, including respecting a setback application distance from the habitat edge of at least 50 feet or the required insecticide label setback, whichever is larger?	10
	5	Will the contract include the establishment of pollinator habitat immediately adjacent (within 100 feet) to crop fields, orchards, or vineyards?	20
	6	Will the contract treatment acres be 20 acres or greater?	20

	7	Will the contract treatment acres be between 15 and 19.9 acres?	15
	8	Will the contract treatment acres be between 10 and 14.9 acres?	10
	9	Will the contract treatment acres be between 5 and 9.9 acres?	5
		Maximum Points:	Total Points
			145

Local Issues:

Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:

- Air Quality: Excessive Greenhouse Gas - CO2 (carbon dioxide)
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Hedgerow Planting (422)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Hedgerow Planting (422)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Hedgerow Planting (422)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Hedgerow Planting (422)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water
 - Access Control (472)
- Plant Condition: Forage Quality and Palatability
 - Access Control (472)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Hedgerow Planting (422)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Soil Condition: Compaction
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Hedgerow Planting (422)
- Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
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 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
- Soil Condition: Damage from Sediment Deposition
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
- Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Water Quality: Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water
 - Access Control (472)
 - Field Border (386)
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)