

307.24 Honey Bee Pollinator Initiative

**Honey Bee Pollinator Screening Criteria Worksheet
NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

A screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

Instructions:
This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP Honey Bee Pollinator assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs related to this national initiative.

Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high and low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.

Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for Each Eligible EQIP Applicant

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| Applicant Name: | | County: | |
| Application No: | | Field Office: | |
| Evaluator Name: | | Date: | |

Priority Determination for ProTracts:

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| <p><u>Ineligible Category:</u> The application is located in the focal area or within 1 mile of an apiary? Yes (eligible) No (not eligible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An apiary is defined as five or more hives or as being identified on a State apiary register. • If not on a State register, the producer provides documentation of location of apiary. | |
| <p>Has the producer had a financial assistance contract terminated in the past 3 years? Yes (low) No (High)</p> | |
| <p>Are any of the planned plantings located adjacent to a (i) cropland field, * or (ii) a pasture or hayland treated with insecticides? If so,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If cropland or treated pasture/hayland is located on only one side of the planting, is the planting width less than 125 feet? <i>Yes (low) No (high)</i> • If cropland treated pastureland/hayland is located immediately adjacent to both sides of the planting is the planting width less than 250 feet? <i>Yes (low) No (high)</i> <p>* it is assumed that all cropland is treated with insecticides or has the potential to be treated.</p> | |
| <p>Any rating of “low” will not be ranked.</p> | |

The priority determination of high or low must be recorded in ProTracts application priority for this applicant.

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| D.C. Approval: | | Date Approved: | |
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