

**New Mexico- Portales Field Office
FY 2003 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Dry Cropland**

Applicant: _____ Date: _____ Total Points: 0
 Farm No.: _____ Tract No.: _____ CMS Field No's.: _____

1. Natural Resources Criteria - 237 Potential Points (80%)

A. Soil Erosion	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
No Till	40		
Grass Strips	5		
Windbreaks	5		
Field Borders	5		
A. Soil Erosion	Total	0	
B. Water Erosion	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Diversion	40		
Terraces	40		
Grassed Waterway	40		
Rebuilds	20		
B. Water Erosion	Total	0	
C. Plants: Diversity	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Range Seeding			
3 Species	50		
2 Species	20		
1 Species	10		
C. Plants: Diversity	Total	0	
D. Animals: Wildlife Food, Cover, Water	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Shrubs/Trees	5		
Wildlife Water	5		
D. Animals: Wildlife	Total	0	

2. Other Considerations - 59 Potential Points (20%)

	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	15		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	15		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	15		
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	14		
2. Other Considerations	Total		0

Note: Cost-shared payments associated with the no-till are limited to a maximum of 480 acres for 3 consecutive years per producer regardless of county. Grazing of livestock is prohibited on no-till contract acres if producer agrees to the no-till incentive. Producers currently applying no-till, or who have previously received cost-share payments for this practice are not eligible.

 Producer Date

 Designated Conservationist Date