

## New Mexico- Tucumcari Field Office

### FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Dry Cropland

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/18/2004 Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Farm No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No.: \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's.: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Natural Resources Criteria - 285 Potential Points (89%)

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

#### 2. Other Considerations - 35 Potential Points (11%)

	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A		
D. This land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	N/A		
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A, Class B, and/or Class C noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	20		
<b>2. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total</b>		

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. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.

	Total Points (After minus Benchmark):	Sec 1 Sec 2 <b>Total</b>
_____ Producer	_____ Date	
_____ Designated Conservationist	_____ Date	