



**GULF COAST RCPP 2019**

**TEXAS EQIP SCREENING CRITERIA WORKSHEET – FISCAL YEAR 2019  
REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
GULF COAST WATER AND WILDLIFE**

***A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.***

**Instructions:** Screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for RCPP. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions.

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. 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**

Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No:		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	
Affiliation:			
Questions			YES/NO
1. Have offered acres harvested rice 2 out of the last 5 years - 2014 - 2018? *Prevent plant rice acres may count as harvested rice acres. **If beginning farmer status less than 5 years, have cropland acres consisted of harvested rice acres since starting to farm.			
2. Within the offered acres, will cropland acres consist of $\geq$ 20% harvested rice acres on average, over the next 5 years (2019-2023)?			
3. Does the program applicant seek to conserve water and improve irrigation water management on offered acres?			
4. Is primary irrigation source surface water delivered from established Texas river authority?			
5. Is the program applicant willing and able to share farm production data with Rice Stewardship staff to foster better conservation planning, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation; and allow this data to be aggregated with other projects and shared through RCPP? (See any NRCS planning forms - Farm Data Privacy Agreement – Note this sign-up will not be part of the Field Print Calculator effort)			

**Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:**

<b>Eligible/High Priority:</b> Yes to 1-5 above		<b>Eligible</b> <b>High Priority Status in</b> ProTracts
<b>Eligible/Low Priority:</b> No to 4 and/or 5.		<b>Eligible</b> <b>Low Priority Status in</b> ProTracts
<b>Not Eligible:</b> No to 1, 2 and/or 3 above.		<b>Not eligible</b>
Data Collected By:		Date Completed:
Designated Conservationist Approval:		Date Approved: