Sioux County, Iowa FY2013 Pre-Screening tool
For use for the Sioux county "cropland" sub-account

Applicant Name:_____ Date: _____
Evaluator Name:_____ Total points: _____

1. Application includes structural practices that reduce sheet, rill, and ephemeral gully erosion (Example: terraces)? Yes - 5 pts. No – 0 pts.

2. Application includes structural practices that reduce ephemeral and classic gully erosion (Examples: grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures)?
   Yes – 2 pts. No - 0 pts.
3. Applicant is applying cover crops for the first time and will be using a winter hardy or a non winter hardy cover crop?
   Winter hardy – 2 pts. Non winter hardy – 1 pt. No cover crop or not applying cover crop for the first time – 0 pts.
4. Applicant is already using cover crops and wants to enhance the cover crop to meet additional resource needs? Yes – 1 pt. No -0 pts.

5. The applicant is a cover crop application in which the applicant agrees to either no-till the cover crops or no-till the following years' crop into the cover crop?
   Yes – 2 pts. No – 0 pts.

6. Application is for no-till or strip till farming and the applicant agrees to no-till for 3 consecutive years on the same ground.
   Yes – 4 pts. No – 0 pts.

7. Application is for nutrient management and will follow basic or enhanced intensity options?
   Enhanced – 2 pts. Basic – 1 pt. No nutrient mgmt – 0 pts.

8. Application includes any of the following conservation practices on the Sioux county practice list: conservation crop rotation, conservation cover, irrigation sprinkler system.
   3 of the above practices – 3 pts. 2 of the above practices – 2 pts.
   1 of the above practices – 1 pt. None of the above practices – 0 pts.

9. Application is in an impaired watershed on the 303d list or in a priority watershed within the county? Yes – 1 pt. No – 0 pts.

All applications will be entered in ProTracts, including priority determination and estimate of EQIP cost. High priority applications = 6 or more points, medium priority applications = 3 to 5 points, low priority applications = less than 3 points. All high priority applications will be ranked. Medium priority applications will not be ranked until all high priority applications have been funded. Low priority applications will not be ranked until all high and medium priority applications have been funded.