

FINAL

## **Drought Assistance Program (DAP) Ranking FY2003**

### **RANKING CATEGORIES:**

#### **1) FARM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ECP ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST**

- Farm has not been eligible for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). Grows annual crops, nursery, Christmas Trees or turf and was ineligible to receive benefits under ECP – 5 Points.
- Has primarily livestock related need, or has orchard or vineyard and was eligible to apply to ECP – 0 points

#### **2) WATER IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS EXISTING CROPS**

- Water need is to address existing crops in production - 10 points
- Water need is to address new operation not yet planted – 0 points

#### **3) PLANNED WATER SOURCE HELPS AVOID FUTURE NEGATIVE IMPACTS**

- Planned water source will maximize conservation benefits by avoiding pending negative impacts to sensitive resource areas or low municipal water supply areas. – 5 points
- Planned water source will minimize negative impacts to sensitive areas – 3 points
- Planned water source does not avoid or minimize negative impacts to other areas. – 0 points

#### **4) APPLICANT HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONSERVE WATER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**

- Demonstrated sound water management with water conservation practices already in place – 5 points
- Some water conservation practices in place, but more could be done – 3 points
- No existing water conservation practices in place – 0 points

#### **5) LOSS OF EXISTING WATER SUPPLY**

- Existing operation losing source of water due to circumstances beyond their control and no other options for water are available – 10 points
- Losing water supply but better options are available – 5 points
- No urgent or immediate loss of existing water supplies are known – 0 points

#### **6) MEETS CRITERIA FOR LIMITED RESOURCE PRODUCER**

- Applicant is limited resource producer, as defined by EQIP 2003 Rule (printout proving self-certification is required to get points in this category) – 3 points

#### **7) PLANNED WATER SUPPLY WILL BE THROUGH MICROIRRIGATION SYSTEM**

- Micro irrigation system will be installed to provide water to crops – 5 points
- Planned type of irrigation is not a micro irrigation system. – 0 points