

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

CCPI - Multi State Windbreak Renovation

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: CCPI - Multi State Windbreak Renovation		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in producing energy from renewable resources (solar, wind, biofuel, etc)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will adjust application amounts and/or timing of organic/inorganic fertilizers according to soil test?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce animal wastes that impact water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will mitigate the potential environmental risk of pest management control measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which will reduce erosion on cropland fields (328, 329, 340, 342, 345, 380, 386, 393, 412, 512, 550, and/or 603)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will address saline seeps, recharge areas, and/or saline/sodic soils? (340, 386, 512, 550, 610)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce the number of tillage operations? (329, 340, 345, 512, 550)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) to facilitate grazing distribution?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will convert cropland to introduced and/or native vegetation? (512, 550)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Choose only one of the following questions, either 1, 2 or 3.	
1. Does the EQIP application address a Windbreak Condition that is presently in Poor condition? Meets less than 5 of the attributes to be considered for condition and/or more than 25% tree mortality. Attributes are: 1) Less than 25% of the trees are dead, 2) Continuous barrier, no gaps (missing trees), 3) 50% density or greater (attach photo), 4) No smooth brome or fescue sod within belt, 5) No or very little livestock in the windbreak, 6) Tree regeneration is present, 7) Trees are expected to live another 20 years, 8) Majority of tree crowns are healthy	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the EQIP application address a Windbreak Condition that is presently in Fair condition? Meets 5-6 of the attributes to be considered for condition and less than 25% of the trees are dead. Attributes are: 1) Less than 25% of the trees are dead, 2) Continuous barrier, no gaps (missing trees), 3) 50% density or greater (attach photo), 4) No smooth brome or fescue sod within belt, 5) No or very little livestock in the windbreak, 6) Tree regeneration is present, 7) Trees are expected to live another 20 years, 8) Majority of tree crowns are healthy	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the EQIP application address a Windbreak Condition that is presently in Good condition? Meets 7 or more of the attributes to be considered for condition and less than 25% of the trees are dead. Attributes are: 1) Less than 25% of the trees are dead, 2) Continuous barrier, no gaps (missing trees), 3) 50% density or greater (attach photo), 4) No smooth brome or fescue sod within belt, 5) No or very little livestock in the windbreak, 6) Tree regeneration is present, 7) Trees are expected to live another 20 years, 8) Majority of tree crowns are healthy	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 4, 5 or 6.	
4. Is the land in the EQIP application location rated High - Renovation will take place in an identified	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

water quality priority area such as a Section 303(d) area or lie within a wellhead protection area?	
5. Is the land in the EQIP application location rated Medium - Renovation will take place on land with a erodibility index of 8 or above?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the land in the EQIP application location rated Low - Neither of the above from either questions 4 or 5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 7, 8 or 9.	
7. How does the EQIP application address Animal use? High - Shelterbelt will be fenced to prohibit use by livestock but will be adjacent to an area where livestock are kept or will be designed to provide wildlife habitat.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. How does the EQIP application address Animal use? Medium - Shelterbelt will be adjacent to headquarters without livestock and will not be designed to provide wildlife benefits.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. How does the EQIP application address Animal use? Low - Neither of the above from either questions 7 or 8?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 10, 11 or 12.	
10. How does the EQIP application address tree removal? Tree removal will not include tree stumps and roots, existing vegetation between tree rows will be controlled and tree planting will occur on the site were trees were removed from.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Existing vegetation between tree rows will be controlled and/or existing shelterbelt will be expanded in width.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Tree removal will included tree stumps and roots.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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