

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
WY-Ogallala Initiative

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: WY-Ogallala Initiative		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	250 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	15 Point(s)
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	5 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)

Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	15 Point(s)
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	5 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	10 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	
7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	5 Point(s)
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10 Point(s)
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	10 Point(s)
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	5 Point(s)
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	10 Point(s)
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	10 Point(s)

Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	10 Point(s)
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 100% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	112 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 15% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	10 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 13-14.9% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	9 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 11-12.9% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	8 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 9-10.9% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	7 Point(s)
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 7-8.9% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	6 Point(s)
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 3-6.9% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated perennial vegetation (wildlifeland, rangeland, or pastureland)?	5 Point(s)
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 100% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	104 Point(s)
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 15% or more of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	7 Point(s)

10. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 13-14.9% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	6 Point(s)
11. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 11-12.9% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	5 Point(s)
12. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 9-10.9% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	4 Point(s)
13. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 7-8.9% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	3 Point(s)
14. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in 3-6.9% of the total contract acres being converted from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland?	2 Point(s)
15. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conversion from gravity irrigation to a micro-rrigation system?	37 Point(s)
16. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conversion from gravity irrigation to a low pressure/improved sprinkler irrigation system?	33 Point(s)
17. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the installation of an irrigation system with a cost effectiveness (Based on current average cost per unit of installation - \$19.71/LF pivot and \$451.50/AC micro-rrigation) of less than \$210.00 EQIP cost/acre?	20 Point(s)
18. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the installation of an irrigation system with a cost effectiveness (Based on current average cost per unit of installation - \$19.71/LF pivot and \$451.50/AC micro-rrigation) of \$210.00 to \$254.99 EQIP cost/acre?	12 Point(s)
19. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the installation of an irrigation system with a cost effectiveness (Based on current average cost per unit of installation - \$19.71/LF pivot and \$451.50/AC micro-rrigation) of \$255.00 to \$383.00 EQIP cost/acre?	4 Point(s)
20. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the installation of an irrigation system with a cost effectiveness (Based on current average cost per unit of installation - \$19.71/LF pivot and \$451.50/AC micro-rrigation) of greater than \$383.00 EQIP cost/acre?	1 Point(s)
21. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in treatment of a targeted resource issue within a Local Work Group identified natural resource area of concern?	3 Point(s)
22. Have all acres, to be treated by an EQIP funded irrigation system, been irrigated at least 2 of the previous 5 years?	2 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Participant will voluntarily abandon water rights for Irrigation Well. Irrigated acres for land offered will be converted from Irrigated land to Dryland. Select only one (1) answer.	
1. a. Full Abandonment - All irrigation water rights for land offered will be abandoned. OR	150 Point(s)
1. b. Partial Abandonment - Irrigated acres will be reduced by 50% or greater. These acres will be converted to dryland. OR	30 Point(s)
1. c. Partial Abandonment - Irrigated acres will be reduced by 49 - 25%. These acres will be converted to dryland. OR	25 Point(s)
1. d. Partial Abandonment - Irrigated acres will be reduced by 24 - 15%. These acres will be converted to dryland. OR	10 Point(s)
1. e. Partial Abandonment - Irrigated acres will be reduced by 14% or less. These acres will be converted to dryland.	5 Point(s)
Conversion from Irrigated land to Dryland. Select only 1 answer.	
2. a. Convert from Irrigated land to Dryland. Adopt a reduced or minimum tillage system. OR	30 Point(s)
2. b. Convert from Irrigated land to Dryland. Adopt a conventional tillage system.	10 Point(s)
Water Quantity Resource Issue:	
3. Will the applicant retire a high production well pumping > 1200 gpm? (or convert to livestock use only)	30 Point(s)
4. Will the applicant retire a well drilled to depth > 700 ft? (or convert to livestock use only)	25 Point(s)
5. Will the applicant retire a well > 3 miles from live water? (or convert to livestock use only)	10 Point(s)
6. Will the applicant decommission a supplemental irrigation water well? Land may continue to be irrigated with surface water.	5 Point(s)

Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

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:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date:

