

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
South Area - Headquarters (AFO)

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: South Area - Headquarters (AFO)		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 green house 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. An approved CNMP is already in place? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
2. Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an approved, active or recently completed section 319 project? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
3. The contract will include practices that will significantly reduce the threat of ground water pollution ? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
4. The contract will include practices that will significantly reduce the threat of surface water pollution? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
5. The contract will include practices that will reduce nitrate levels to 10 ppm or less? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
6. The collection and transport system is inadequate, but will be significantly improved? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
7. The storage and treatment facilities are inadequate, but will be significantly improved? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
8. Manure utilization is inadequate, but will be significantly improved? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
9. Applicant had a prior contract which was implemented on schedule and is providing satisfactory O&M for contracted practices. 20 Pts	20 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Select Question 1, 2 or 3 Select Question 1, 2 or 3 Will a lined effluent lagoon or surface run-off pond be installed if monitoring well contamination of nitrates are 0-10 ppm? 50 Pts	50 Point(s)
2. Will a lined effluent lagoon or surface run-off pond be installed if monitoring well contamination of nitrates are 10-20 ppm? 75 Pts	75 Point(s)
3. Will a lined effluent lagoon or surface run-off pond be installed if monitoring well contamination of nitrates are >20 ppm? 100 Pts	100 Point(s)
4. Is nutrient management being or will be applied based on soil testing? 100 Pts	100 Point(s)
5. Will practices be installed to address shallow ground water, less than 25 feet, resource concerns? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
6. Is LEPA or LESA sprinkler system being installed? 60 Pts	60 Point(s)

7. Is a manure separator being installed? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
8. Is a transfer pump being installed? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
9. Is water measuring devices being installed? 30 Pts	30 Point(s)
10. Select Question 10 or 11. Is the distance to surface water less than 1320 feet? 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
11. Is the distance to surface water greater than 1320 feet? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
12. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill contract terminated for non-compliance? -100 Pts	-100 Point(s)
13. Is the applicant currently in non-compliance with a Farm Bill contract? -50 Pts	-50 Point(s)

Land Use:

Crop;

Headquarters;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Air Quality: Objectionable Odors	Structure for Water Control
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation Land Leveling
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation Pipeline
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation Water Management
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Nutrient Management
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Structure for Water Control
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Waste Storage Facility
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation Land Leveling
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation Pipeline
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation Water Management
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Nutrient Management
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Structure for Water Control
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Waste Storage Facility
Soil Erosion: Wind	Herbaceous Weed Control
Soil Erosion: Wind	Herbaceous Wind Barriers
Soil Erosion: Wind	Integrated Pest Management
Soil Erosion: Wind	Irrigation Land Leveling
Soil Erosion: Wind	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Soil Erosion: Wind	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Soil Erosion: Wind	Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurfac
Soil Erosion: Wind	Nutrient Management

Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Conservation Cover
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Conservation Crop Rotation
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Cover Crop
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Irrigation Land Leveling
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Structure for Water Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Waste Storage Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Waste Transfer
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Conservation Cover
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Conservation Crop Rotation
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Cover Crop
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Cross Wind Ridges
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Dam, Diversion
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Diversion
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation Ditch Lining
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation Land Leveling
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation Pipeline
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Structure for Water Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Storage Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Transfer
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Conservation Crop Rotation
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Cover Crop
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Dam, Diversion
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Diversion
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Forage and Biomass Planting
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Forage Harvest Management
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Integrated Pest Management
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Irrigation Ditch Lining

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Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Waste Transfer

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