

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Farmstead

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Farmstead	<b>Applicant:</b>	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 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 implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	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 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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat 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: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is yes, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is no proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Was the program application approved for funding in 2013 by the Chief, but never obligated prior to ProTracts being shutdown at the end of the Fiscal Year? If answer is yes, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is no proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this EQIP application correct deficiencies in agricultural waste or water quality oriented land management practice associated with one or more land units located in a watershed containing an agriculturally stressed segment of water identified on the State of Vermont 303(d) list of impaired waters, surface water source protection areas, or in a public wellhead protection area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will this treatment address a critical water quality resource concern on a farm located in the Lake Champlain or Lake Memphremagog watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Has a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that meets NRCS' standards and specifications been developed and/or updated within the last 3 years, but is not yet fully implemented and will be addressed with this application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the implementation of any of the practices within the application allow the producer, regardless of the size of the operation, to address a significant contribution of pollutants to waters of the US or is the applicant required to address a problem to stay in compliance with Vermont state water quality regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application include one or more practices traditionally underutilized in Vermont?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. ANSWER YES TO EITHER QUESTION 8 OR 9, BUT NOT BOTH. Does this application include a waste storage facility where a system does not already exist on the farm and where field stacking is not feasible and where water quality concerns need to be addressed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does this application include a waste storage facility where an existing system has failed NOT due to herd expansion or lack of proper management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will a practice be implemented that will eliminate aquatic habitat fragmentation through replacement or removal of a structure that is documented to be an AOP obstruction?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does this application include Agricultural Containment Facility (710) to address an identified resource concern	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Frankling and Grand Isle LWG	
3. Does this application prevent or reduce direct discharge of nutrients to a waterway?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the application include installation of a waste storage facility where one does not already exist on the farm?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does this application include a waste storage facility where an existing system has failed, not due to herd expansion or lack of proper management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does this application prevent or reduce silage leachate from entering into a waterway?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application contain two or more practices that will address contaminated runoff leaving a production area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Bennington LWG	
8. Does this application include practices to control livestock access to surface water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the application include practices recommended by a watershed, river corridor, or other plan addressing water quality issues?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will this application include practices that will address water quality concerns resulting from waste system failures or lack of a waste system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will this application be part of a farm plan for increased nutrient management planning (development of an NMP or nutrient management work with a trained consultant)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Does this application implement clean water diversion and/or reduce erosion from runoff?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Ottauquechee LWG	
13. Were conservation practices selected that help reduce nitrogen loading in any surface water in the Connecticut River Watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Does this application address resource concerns that are a result of uncontrolled livestock access to streams?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Does this application include practices that will reduce the potential for water quality concerns due to silage leachate and/or milkhouse waste reaching a stream?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will this application include practices to keep clean water clean on the farm through the installation of roof runoff structures or other practices to prevent rain water from being contaminated by nutrient, pesticide, sediment, or other contaminants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Does this application include practices that will address water quality concerns from inadequate waste storage facilities?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Poultney Mettowee LWG	
18. Will this application address water quality issues identified in the South Lake Nutrient workplan or PM Basin plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Will this application be part of a farm plan for increased nutrient management planning (development of an NMP or nutrient management work with a trained consultant)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Will this application result in increased nutrient utilization through the use of aerators, reduced	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

tillage, zone till, or no-till?	
21. Will this application include practices that will address water quality concerns resulting from waste system failures or lack of a waste system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Will this application include practices to keep clean water clean on the farm through the installation of roof runoff structures or other practices to prevent rain water from being contaminated by nutrient, pesticide, sediment, or other contaminants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Rutland LWG</b>	
23. Will this application address water quality issues identified in a watershed/other action plan/river corridor plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Will this application address water quality concerns resulting from livestock access to streams?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Will this application include practices to keep clean water clean on the farm through the installation of roof runoff structures or other practices to prevent rain water from being contaminated by nutrient, pesticide, sediment, or other contaminants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Will this application result in increased nutrient utilization through the use of aerators, reduced tillage, zone tillage, or no-till?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
27. Will this application include practices that will address water quality concerns resulting from waste system failures or lack of a waste system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Windham LWG</b>	
28. Will this application include practices that help reduce nitrogen loading into surface waters that feed into the Connecticut River?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. Will this application include practices to control livestock access to streams?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
30. Does this application include practices that will reduce the potential for water quality concerns due to silage leachate, nutrients, pesticides, and/or milkhouse waste reaching a stream?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
31. Will this application include practices to keep clean water clean on the farm through the installation of roof runoff structures or other practices to prevent rain water from being contaminated by nutrient, pesticide, sediment, or other contaminants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. Will this application include practices that will address water quality concerns resulting from waste system failures or lack of a waste system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Caledonia LWG</b>	
33. Does the application address a documented water quality problem (e.g., impaired waters, well with high nitrates)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. Does the project help applicant become compliant with state and federal laws?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. Does the application involve the diversion of clean water away from production areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
36. Does the application include practices that keep animals away from manure and excessive wet areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
37. Does the application include manure separation such as mechanical or composting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Essex LWG</b>	
38. Does the application address a documented water quality problem (e.g., impaired waters, well with high nitrates)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
39. Does the project help applicant become compliant with state and federal laws?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
40. Does the application involve the diversion of clean water away from production areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
41. Does the application include practices that keep animals away from manure and excessive wet areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
42. Does the application include manure separation such as mechanical or composting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Orleans LWG</b>	
43. Does this application include storm water control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
44. Is this application within the Mud Creek, Sterns Brook, Black River, or Johns River watersheds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
45. Does this application include manure separation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
46. Does this application include practices to control agricultural waste runoff and livestock access from waterways in livestock concentration area on the Farmstead?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
47. Will this application provide storage for all agricultural waste on the headquarters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

<b>White River LWG</b>	
48. Will this application include practices that manage nitrogen and other ag runoff related nutrients?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
49. Will this application include practices to control or contain storm water runoff through the farmstead?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
50. Will this application include practices that mitigate agriculturally related direct discharges?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
51. Will this application address documented groundwater, well head, and water quality concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
52. Will this application include structural practices on diversified livestock operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Winooski LWG</b>	
53. Will this application reduce phosphorus runoff by addressing animal waste storage and/or by addressing inadequate waste storage including leachate storage treatment systems?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
54. Does the proposed project lead to a decrease in untreated runoff from the farmstead into adjacent areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
55. Will the proposed project provide for adequate management of agricultural waste in a watershed identified in the State of Vermont 303(d) list of impaired waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
56. Will this application reduce the risk of liquid manure runoff by the addition of a composting facility?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
57. Will the proposed project address all identified waste storage and farmstead runoff issues on the farm?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Otter Creek LWG</b>	
58. Will this EQIP application reduce Phosphorus loading in surface waters from the farmstead or production or animal mortality area/facility area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
59. Will this EQIP application reduce Phosphorus runoff by addressing animal waste storage and/or by addressing inadequate waste storage including leachate storage systems?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
60. Will this EQIP application improve water quality by addressing clean water diversion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
61. Will this EQIP application improve water quality by means of alternative manure management (including odor), or solid manure handling of agricultural wastes?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
62. Will this EQIP application address alternative energy production?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Lamoille LWG</b>	
63. Does this application encourage traditionally underutilized practices (such as methane digesters or anaerobic digesters)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
64. Does this application include installation of waste storage facility where one does not already exist on the farm?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
65. Does this application include a waste storage facility where an existing system has failed not due to herd expansion or lack of proper management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

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

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:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>