

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NPMBHI

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NPMBHI	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
Choose only one of the following questions, either 1, 2, or 3.	
1. Does the application include a complex of three or more wetland types (PEMA, PEMC,PEMF, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the application include a complex of two wetland types (PEMA, PEMC,PEMF, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the application include have less than two wetland types (PEMA, PEMC,PEMF, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 4, 5, 6, or 7.	
4. Does the land in the application support greater than 60 duck pairs per square mile? (red, yellow, dark green)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the land in the application support between 40-60 duck pairs per square mile? (light green)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the land in the application support between 20-39 duck pairs per square mile? (gray)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the land in the application support less than 20 duck pairs per square mile? (light blue &dark blue)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 8 or 9.	
8. Does the application support Resource Objective A: Restoring wetlands/grassland qualities to farmed wetlands? i.e. restoring hydrology and grassland)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the application support Resource Objective B: Managing wetlands to enhance wildlife and water quality? (i.e. no hydrological restoration)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 10, 11, 12, or 13.	
10. Does the application provide for greater than 160 acres of connectivity between wetlands in the wetland complex?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the application provide for 80-159 acres of connectivity between wetlands in the wetland complex?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Does the application provide for 40-79 acres of connectivity between wetlands in the wetland complex?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Does the application provide less than 40 acres of connectivity between wetlands in the wetland complex?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Please provide an answer to question 14.	
14. Does the term of the contract include conversion of cropland to grassland to ensure longevity of implemented practices (5 years or greater)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Please provide an answer to question 15.	
15. Does the application acreage include grassland or wetlands established under an expired CRP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the application provide agricultural working land opportunities to an area that continually experiences wet conditions?	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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