

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

AFO

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: AFO	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. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – 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"/>

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. Is the facility frequently flooded (at least once every 5 years)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) to facilitate grazing distribution?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 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"/>
4. The applicant currently possess an unimplemented CNMP, completed preliminary design, or is applying for practice code 102 CNMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 5, 6, or 7.	
5. According to the topo map, is the facility within 1/4 mile of a "blue line" stream or waterbody?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. According to the topo map, is the facility between 1/4 and 1/2 mile of a "blue line" stream or waterbody?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. According to the topo map, is the facility between 1/2 and 1 mile of a "blue line" stream or waterbody?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 8, 9, or 10.	
8. Is the depth to an aquifer or groundwater within 10 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is the depth to an aquifer or groundwater between 11 and 25 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Is the depth to an aquifer or groundwater between 26 and 50 feet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 11, 12, or 13.	
11. Is the Ksat of the least permeable soil layer of the map unit underlying the facility greater than 10 um/s (micrometers per second)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the Ksat of the least permeable soil layer of the map unit underlying the facility between 1 and 10 um/s (micrometers per second)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Is the Ksat of the least permeable soil layer of the map unit underlying the facility between less than 1 um/s (micrometers per second)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 14 or 15.	
14. Does the designed facility meet EPA's definition of a small Animal Feeding Operation (AFO)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Does the designed facility meet EPA's definition of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Choose only one of the following questions, either 16, 17, or 18.	
16. Is the facility within 1/4 mile of urban development (density of at least 4 houses per 40 acres)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Is the facility within 1/4 to 1/2 mile of urban development (density of at least 4 houses per 40 acres)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Is the facility within 1/2 to 1 mile of urban development (density of at least 4 houses per 40 acres)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If applicable, choose only one of the following questions, either 1, 2, or 3.	
1. Does the EQIP application request financial assistance for the implementation of a structural ag waste system and request Practice Code 102-CNMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

2. Does the EQIP application request financial assistance for implementation of an ag waste systems of an existing animal feeding operation (no expansion planned)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the EQIP application request financial assistance for implementation of an ag waste systems of an expanding animal feeding operation that does not have an operational agricultural waste system?	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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