

| <b>Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)<br/>Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Worksheet</b> |  |
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| Fiscal Year  |  |
| Landowner Name and Address   |  |
| Cooperating Entity(ies) Name(s) and Address(es)  |  |
| State in which the Parcel is Located   |  |
| County in which the Parcel is Located  |  |
| Locality (Town/Township) in which the Parcel is Located  |  |
| Is the Landowner AGI Eligible (Y/N)?   |  |
| Is the Landowner HEL Eligible (Y/N)?   |  |
| Is the Landowner WC Eligible (Y/N)?  |  |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility   |  |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility  |  |
| Is the Cooperating Entity Eligible (Y/N)?  |  |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Entity Eligibility  |  |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Entity Eligibility   |  |
| Does Cooperating Entity have a Pending Offer for the Parcel (Y/N)?                                 |  |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Parcel Offer  |  |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Parcel Offer   |  |
| Does the Land have 50 Percent Prime, Unique, and Important Farmland (Y/N)?                         |  |
| Does the Land have Historic or Archeological Resources (Y/N)?                                      |  |
| Does the Land have Land that Supports the Policy of a State or Local FRPP (Y/N)?                   |  |
| Is the Land Eligible (Y/N)?  |  |
| Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Land Eligibility  |  |
| Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Land Eligibility   |  |

**Total Points from National and State Ranking Factors:**

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| <b>/140</b> |
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| <b>Nationally Mandated Factors</b>  |                       |               |
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| <b>Ranking Factor and Scaling</b>   | <b>Maximum Points</b> | <b>Points</b> |
| Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected. (0 points for 50 percent or less, 5 points for every percent above 50 percent) <b>(National Mandate – 0 points for 50 percent or less - Eligibility Criteria)</b>   | 20                    |               |
| Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected. (0 points for 33 percent or less, 1 point for every percent above 33 percent) <b>(National Mandate – 0 points for 33 percent or less - Eligibility Criteria)</b>  | 20                    |               |
| Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ). (0 points for a ratio of 1.0 or less, 5 points for ratios of 1.1 to 2.0, 10 points for ratios of 2.1 or greater) <b>(National Mandate – 0 points for ratio of 1 or less)</b>  | 10                    |               |
| Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ). (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 5 points for decreases of 0.1 to 5 percent, 10 points for decrease of 5.1 to 10 percent, 5 points for decreases of 10.1 to 15 percent, 0 points for decreases of 15.1 percent or more) <b>(National Mandate – 0 points for 0 percent or less)</b>  | 10                    |               |
| Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States (U.S.) Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> ). (0 points for growth rate of less than the state growth rate, 5 points for growth rate of 1 to 2.9 times the state growth rate, 10 points for growth rate of 3 to 3.9 times the state growth rate, 0 points for growth rate of 4.0 times or more than the state growth rate) <b>(National Mandate – 0 points growth rate less than the state growth rate)</b>  | 10                    |               |
| Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> ). (0 points for population density less than the state population density, 5 points for population density of 1 to 2.9 times the state population density, 10 points for population density of 3 to 3.9 times the state population density, 0 points for population density of 4.0 times or more than the state population density) <b>(National Mandate – 0 points population density less than the state population density)</b> | 10                    |               |
| Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations. (0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 5 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 10 points for 500 acres or more of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)  | 10                    |               |
| Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure. (0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 5 points for 250-500 acres of agricultural operations and infrastructure within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 10 points for 500 acres or more of agricultural operations and infrastructure within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)  | 10                    |               |
| <b>Total Points for Nationally Mandated Ranking Factors</b>   | <b>100</b>            |               |

| <b>State Identified Factors</b>  |                       |               |
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| <b>Ranking Factor and Scaling</b>  | <b>Maximum Points</b> | <b>Points</b> |
| Offer contains $\geq$ 50 percent grasslands - 10<br>Offer contains 25-49 percent grasslands - 5<br>Offer contains <25 percent grasslands - 0   | 10                    |               |
| <b>Grassland within the offer area is:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unbroken and dominated by native vegetation on at least 50 percent of offer - 10</li> <li>• Broken and restored to native species or a combination of restored and unbroken dominated by native vegetation on at least 50 percent of offer - 7</li> <li>• Broken and restored to native species or a combination of restored and unbroken dominated by native vegetation on 25-49 percent of offer - 3</li> <li>• Broken and restored to native species or a combination of restored and unbroken dominated by native vegetation on 1-24 percent of offer - 1</li> <li>• Unbroken or broken and dominated by non-native species - 0</li> </ul> <i>Dominant species will be determined by an ocular assessment to determine if greater than 50 percent of the species present are native or non-native. If a site is not easily determined, then a range specialist will conduct a transect survey.</i>   | 10                    |               |
| <b>Federal or State Listed Threatened and Endangered (T&amp;E) Species:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer area contains known locations of T&amp;E and landowner is willing to work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks and NRCS on a habitat improvement plan for the property - 5</li> <li>• Offer area contains known locations of T&amp;E - 3</li> <li>• Offer area contains no known locations of T&amp;E - 0</li> </ul>  | 5                     |               |
| <b>Cultural Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\geq</math>75 percent of offer contains cultural resource(s) either formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or considered eligible for the NRHP or Tribal Register of Historic properties by NRCS and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or respective Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) - 10</li> <li>• 50-74 percent of offer contains cultural resource(s) either formally listed on the NRHP or considered eligible for the NRHP or Tribal Register of Historic properties by NRCS and the SHPO or respective THPO - 5</li> <li>• 26-49 percent of offer contains cultural resource(s) either formally listed on the NRHP or considered eligible for the NRHP or Tribal Register of Historic properties by NRCS and the SHPO or respective THPO - 3</li> <li>• <math>\leq</math>25 percent of offer contains cultural resource(s) either formally listed on the NRHP or considered eligible for the NRHP or Tribal Register of Historic properties by NRCS and the SHPO or respective THPO - 0</li> </ul> | 10                    |               |
| <b>Organic:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm or Ranch is Certified Organic (Yes = 5 points No = 0 points)</li> </ul>  | 5                     |               |
| <b>Total Points for State Ranking Factors</b>  | <b>40</b>             |               |
| <b>Total Points for National Ranking Factors</b>   | <b>100</b>            |               |

## Definitions:

**Protected Land** - Military installations, land owned in fee title by the U.S. or a state or local government, or by an entity whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values, or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use.

**Agricultural Operation** - The customary and generally accepted activities, practices and procedures that farmers/ranchers adopt, use or engage in year-after-year in the production and preparation for market of poultry, livestock, and their products and in the production and harvesting of agricultural, agronomic, horticultural, and silvicultural crops and commodities.

**Infrastructure** - Any business or structure used to assist in agricultural production. Examples of infrastructure include grain elevators, sale barns, ethanol plants, seed, fertilizer, feed suppliers, markets for fresh produce, tractor and equipment dealers and repair shops, farm labor, and vets for animal farms and ranches.

**Grassland** – includes land defined as pasture and rangeland and includes land used for the production of hay.

**Pasture** – (1) Grazinglands comprised of introduced or domesticated native forage species that are used primarily for the production of livestock. They receive periodic renovation and/or cultural treatments such as tillage, fertilization, mowing, weed control, and may be irrigated. They are not in rotation with crops. (2) A grazing area enclosed and separated from other areas by fencing or other barriers; the management unit for grazing land. (3) Forage plants used as food for grazing animals. (4) Any area devoted to the production of forage, native or introduced, and harvested by grazing.

**Rangeland** - Land on which the historic climax plant community is predominantly grasses, grasslike plants, forbs, or shrubs. Includes lands revegetated naturally or artificially when routine management of that vegetation is accomplished mainly through manipulation of grazing. Rangelands include natural grasslands, savannas, shrub lands, most deserts, tundra, alpine communities, coastal marshes, and wet meadows.