

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Application Ranking Summary  
Haskell County Grazingland**

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	10 Point(s)
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	5 Point(s)
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	15 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)
<b>Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	15 Point(s)
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
<b>Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	15 Point(s)
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	10 Point(s)
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	5 Point(s)
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	5 Point(s)
<b>Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	10 Point(s)
<b>Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:</b>	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	10 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
<b>Does the applicant meet the following conditions:</b>	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	5 Point(s)

9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	5 Point(s)

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Sheet and Rill Erosion – Does the offer include planned treatment of sheet and rill erosion to the quality criteria level on the offered acres where sheet and rill erosion will be controlled to “T” or less?	35 Point(s)
2. Irrigation – Will the proposed project improve irrigation efficiency or reduce the acres of irrigated cropland on the operation?	40 Point(s)
3. Erosion Control: Classic Gullies – Will the planned project address classic gully erosion on cropland or grazing land?	35 Point(s)
4. Invasive Species: Cedar Control – Will the planned project eradicate or control eastern redcedar?	40 Point(s)
5. Stream bank Erosion – Will the planned project include practices to address active stream bank erosion?	30 Point(s)
6. Energy Conservation – Will the planned project include practices that will result in energy conservation benefits?	30 Point(s)
Surface Water: Nutrients/Organics – Will the planned project include practices to address surface water nutrients?	
7. a. Will the planned practices address surface water nutrient/organics in a nutrient limited watershed?	20 Point(s)
7. b. Will the planned practices address surface water nutrient/organics in a nutrient limited watershed?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Will the planned practices address surface water nutrients/organics in a field that adjoins a water body that extends beyond the applicants property boundary?	5 Point(s)
7. d. Will the planned practice address surface water nutrients/organics on a field that adjoins a pond or other water body that lies entirely within the property boundary of the applicant?	5 Point(s)

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Pasture/Hay Land Diversification – Does the offer include the practices to promote the diversification of improved pasture by the addition of a cool/warm season grass or legumes following the NRCS standard for Pasture planting (512)? = 50 pts	50 Point(s)
2. Grazing Land Distribution – Does the offer include practices to allow for the rotation of grazing livestock by the installation of a cross fence following the NRCS standard for Fence (382)? = 75 pts	75 Point(s)
3. Grazing Land Distribution – Does the offer include practices to address the distribution of grazing livestock by the installation of a pond or watering facility following the NRCS standards for Pond (378), Pipeline (516), Spring Development (574), Watering Facility (614) or Water Well (642)? =75 pts	75 Point(s)
4. Nutrient Management – Does the offer include include practices to address Surface Water Nutrients by implementing one of the following: Waste Storage Facility (313), Composting Facility (317), Nutrient Management (590), Fencing-Cost share on fencing out ponds or riparian areas (382), Critical Area Planting (342) or Waste Utilization (633)? =125 pts	125 Point(s)
5. Brush Management – Does the offer include a practice for the treatment of a brush species to reduce competition with desired forage species by following NRCS standards for Brush Management (314) or Prescribed Burning (338)? = 25 pts	25 Point(s)
6. Is the applicant a Limited Resource Farmer or Beginning Farmer or considered to be a member of a typically underserved group? = 25 pts	25 Point(s)
7. Wildlife Habitat Management - Does the applicant have as one objective to improve, enhance or create wildlife habitat and plans to do so by implementing one of the following practices: Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Use Exclusion (472), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Animal Walkways (575), Prescribed Burning (338), Firebreaks (394), Pond (378), Riparian Forest Buffers (391), Prescribed Grazing (528), Nutrient Management (590), Pasture and Hayland Planting with Legumes (512), Brushmanagement (314), and Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)? = 25 pts	25 Point(s)