

Connecticut FRPP Ranking Criteria 2012

Note: NRCS Completes Parcel Ranking

(National Criteria = 50%, State Criteria = 50%)

National Criteria

Use 1A or 1B for ranking, not both.

1A. Percent of Prime, Statewide Important and Local Important Farmland Soils to be protected.

% Prime & Important	Factor Scale
100%	100
80%	80
51%	51
50% or less	0

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1B. Does the parcel contain a registered national or state historic/cultural resource?

Registered Historic/Cultural Resource	Factor Scale
Yes	100
No	0

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2. Percent of cropland, pastureland or grassland in total parcel offered:

% in Parcel	Factor Scale
100%	100
80%	80
33%	33
<33%	0

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3. Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel offered to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture (2010):
(100 Factor Scale for ratios of 2 and greater; 0 Factor Scale for ratio of 1 or less)

County	Avg Farm Size
Fairfield	66 acres
Hartford	68 acres
Litchfield	89 acres
Middlesex	42 acres
New Haven	63 acres
New London	80 acres
Tolland	81 acres
Windham	101 acres

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4. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farmland in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture(2010):

County	% Decrease	Factor Scale
New Haven	11	100
Litchfield	7	75
Middlesex	7	75
Fairfield	3	50
Windham	2	50
Hartford	0	0
New London	0	0
Tolland	0	0

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5. Percent population growth in the county as documented by the US Census (2010):
 CT = 4.9%

County	Population Growth	Factor Scale
Tolland	12.0	100
Windham	8.6	77
Middlesex	6.8	53
New London	5.8	9
New Haven	4.7	7
Hartford	4.3	0
Litchfield	4.2	0
Fairfield	3.9	0

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6. Population density as documented by the US Census (2010). CT = 738:

County	Population Density	Factor Scale
Fairfield	1467	100
New Haven	1427	92
Hartford	1216	65
Middlesex	449	0
New London	412	0
Tolland	372	0
Windham	231	0
Litchfield	206	0

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7. Proximity to protected land.
 (military installations, land owned in fee by US, State, or local government, land trusts):

Protected Acres	Adjacent < & mile	
> 400 ac	100	80
200-400 ac	75	55
50-200 ac	50	30
< 50 ac	25	10

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8. Active farmland within a 2 mile radius:

Farmland Acres	Factor Scale
> 700 acres	100
401 – 700 acres	80
201 – 400 acres	60
101 – 200 acres	40
< 100 acres	20

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National Subtotal

State Criteria

9. Compatibility of adjacent land uses for agriculture:
 (Percent land in compatible land use adjacent to the parcel)

% Compatible	Factor Scale
75% and greater	100
50% to <75%	75
25% to <50%	50
< 25%	25

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10. Multifunctional benefits. Is the parcel part of an area of recognized special concern or environmental value:

Special Concern	Yes	No
Implementation of Conservation Plan	16	0
Adjacent to recognized scenic road/vis	16	0
Public water supply watershed/ recharge area	16	0
Known habitat for threatened and endangered species	16	0
Designated or proposed greenway	16	0
Signs of municipal support	20	0

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11. Geographic regions. Is the parcel part of a threatened agricultural community:

Ag Community	Factor Scale
Connecticut River Valley (MLRA 145)	100
Within 10 mi urban ce	50
None of the above	0

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12. Degree of leveraging guaranteed by entity (includes bargain sale):

% NRCS Pays	Factor Scale
<35	100
35 to <40	75
40 to <45	50
45 to <50	25
50%	0

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State Subtotal

GRAND TOTAL