

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
2011 NM/CNMP Plan Development**

Program: CBWI 2008 **Ranking Date:**

Ranking Tool: NM/CNMP Plan Development

Final Ranking Score:

Planner:

Farm Location:

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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1. a. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within special consideration river basins and/or designated CBWI priority watersheds?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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1. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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1. c. Improve control of livestock access to waters that flow to the Chesapeake Bay?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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2. a. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5%?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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3. a. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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3. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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4. a. Reduce sheet and rill erosion from greater than tolerable limits (Soil “T”) to T or below T?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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6. a. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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6. b. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Contract Efficiencies – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
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7. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within two years of contract obligation?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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7. b. Adoption of CBWI priority conservation practices or will complete an existing conservation system? (A conservation system is defined as a combination of conservation practices and resource management for the treatment of soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource concerns.)	Yes (O) or No (O)
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Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
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8. a. Is this the applicant’s first EQIP application?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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8. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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8. c. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes (O) or No (O)
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State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Choose one of the following two questions in reference to Comprehensive Nutrient Management (CNMP) Plan (102) for operating units with livestock:	
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1. Is the operation currently lacking a waste storage facility?	Yes (O) or No (O)
2. Is there an existing waste storage facility, but inadequate either due to lack of adequate storage capacity (less than 150 days) or does not meet current regulatory standards?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose one of the following two questions in reference to Nutrient Management (NMP) Plan (104) for non AFO/CAFO operating units:	
3. Is the operation currently lacking a current nitrogen and phosphorus based nutrient management plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
4. Is the operation currently lacking a current phosphorus based nutrient management plan?	Yes (O) or No (O)
General Questions:	
5. Is the land unit proposed for contract located in one of the 303d sub-watersheds that NRCS is targeting due to excess sediment and nutrients?	Yes (O) or No (O)
6. Will the proposed activity plan address a land unit that contains high leaching potential soils [Use GIS layer high_leaching_pa_z(17 or 18) located in F:\geodata\project_data\nrcs\Ranking_Support_FY2011.gdb]?	Yes (O) or No (O)
7. Will the proposed activity plan address a land unit that contains poorly, somewhat poorly drained soils [Use GIS layer poor_somewhat_poor_drained_pa_z(17 or 18) located in F:\geodata\project_data\nrcs\Ranking_Support_FY2011.gdb]?	Yes (O) or No (O)
8. Is the applicant a Limited Resource Farmer based on the USDA online self determination tool?	Yes (O) or No (O)

Local Issues Addressed	
Issue Questions	Responses
Choose one of the following two questions in reference to Comprehensive Nutrient Management (CNMP) Plan (102) for operating units with livestock:	
1. Does the operation manage manure as a liquid or semi-solid?	Yes (O) or No (O)
2. Does the operation manage manure as dry, bedpack or utilizes a grazing system?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose one of the following three questions in reference to Comprehensive Nutrient Management (CNMP) Plan (102) for operating units with livestock:	
3. Is the operation (feedlot/facility) less than 100 feet from surface water?	Yes (O) or No (O)
4. Is the operation (feedlot/facility) between 101-200 feet from surface water?	Yes (O) or No (O)
5. Is the operation (feedlot/facility) greater than 200 feet from surface water?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose one of the following two questions in reference to Nutrient Management (NMP) Plan (104) for non AFO/CAFO operating units:	
6. Does the operation winter apply fertilizer between November and March?	Yes (O) or No (O)
7. Does the operation apply fertilizer prior to spring planting?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Choose one of the following three questions in reference to Nutrient Management (NMP) Plan (104) for non AFO/CAFO operating units:	
8. Are the proposed contract acres located within 100 feet of a water source such as well head, intermittent or perennial water course?	Yes (O) or No (O)
9. Are the proposed contract acres located between 101-200 feet of a water source such as well head, intermittent or perennial water course?	Yes (O) or No (O)
10. Are the proposed contract acres located greater than 200 feet of a water source such as well head, intermittent or perennial water course?	Yes (O) or No (O)
Practices	
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan -	
Nutrient Management Plan - Written	