

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Grazing-Christiansburg**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Grazing-Christiansburg		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. The grazing operation has at least 2 acres of available pasture for each animal unit currently grazing on the operation.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The proposed EQIP contract will exclude livestock from 100% of the woodland which is currently grazed.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The proposed EQIP contract will exclude livestock access to 100% of the riparian areas by fencing or other means.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. The proposed EQIP contract will control to livestock access to 100% of open sink holes by fencing or other means.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. The proposed EQIP contract will exclude livestock from streams that contain a listed aquatic species within 1/2 mile downstream of the treatment area according to the Toolkit T&E species layer.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. The EQIP contract will establish Riparian Forest Buffers to protect water features from livestock.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. The EQIP contract will establish Riparian Herbaceous Buffers to protect water features from livestock.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Riparian Buffers established with EQIP funds will be at least 50 feet wide.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Riparian Buffers established with EQIP funds will be at least 100 feet wide.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. The area being considered for an EQIP contract is within an impaired watershed shown on the "Impaired Waters of Virginia" Toolkit GIS layer.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. The operation will be managed according to a prescribed grazing plan with complete documentation of rotation, management items, nutrient and lime applications, pasture conditioning score, soil testing as required by the Virginia Prescribed Grazing standard (528). The Prescribed Grazing Plan will be a practice in the proposed EQIP contract.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Only one (1) yes answer is allowed for questions 12 or 13	
12. The practices contained in the proposed EQIP contract completes an existing Resource Management System (RMS) plan which addresses soil, water, air, plants, and animal resource concerns for the land units under contract. The RMS plan meets quality criteria in the Field Office Technical Guide.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. The practices contained in the proposed EQIP contract implement an existing conservation plan which treats one or more resource concerns on the land under contract. The conservation plan has been in place prior to the participant's EQIP application but does not meet the RMS quality criteria for all resource concerns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
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**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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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:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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