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## Ranking Tool Summary

### for FY2013 - Forestry CCPI

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#### Description:

#### Land Uses:

Crop, Forest, Pasture

#### Efficiency Score:

Scoring Multiplier: 100.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

| High: 100 - 75   | Medium: 74 - 50   | Low: 49 - 0  |
|--|---|--|
| The Conservation Practices in this application score in the High point range | The Conservation Practices in this application score in the Medium point range; you may want to review you application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up | The Conservation Practices in this application score in the Low point range; you may want to review you application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up |

#### Optional Notes:

#### National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

| High: 250 - 150  | Medium: 149 - 75  | Low: 74 - 0  |
|--|---|--|
| The score for addressing national resource issues is in the High range | The score for addressing national resource issues is in the Medium range; you may want to review you application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up | The score for addressing national resource issues is in the Low range; you may want to review you application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up |

#### Questions:

| Number | Question   | Points |
|--------|--|--------|
| 1      | a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. | 250    |
| 2      | a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?  | 15     |
| 2      | b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?  | 15     |
| 2      | c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?  | 5      |
| 3      | a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?   | 15     |
| 3      | b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?   | 10     |
| 3      | c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?   | 5      |

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|--------------|---|-----|
| 4            | a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?  | 15  |
| 4            | b. Reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?  | 15  |
| 4            | c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?   | 5   |
| 5            | a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?   | 15  |
| 5            | b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?   | 5   |
| 6            | a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?           | 15  |
| 6            | b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?   | 10  |
| 7            | a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?  | 10  |
| 7            | b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?   | 10  |
| 7            | c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?   | 5   |
| 7            | d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?  | 10  |
| 7            | e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?  | 10  |
| 7            | f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?  | 5   |
| 8            | a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?   | 15  |
| 8            | b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)? | 10  |
| 8            | c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?  | 10  |
| 9            | a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?                               | 10  |
| 9            | b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?                               | 5   |
| 9            | c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?   | 5   |
| Total Points |   | 500 |

**State Issues:**

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| High: 450 - 300   | Medium: 299 - 200   | Low: 199 - 0   |
| The score for addressing state resource issues is in the High range | The score for addressing state resource issues is in the Medium range; you may want to review your application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up | The score for addressing state resource issues is in the Low range; you may want to review your application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up |

**Questions:**

| Sub-heading Number | Question Number | Question   | Points |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|--------|
| 1                  |                 | Select all that apply to this application  |        |
|                    | 1               | Does the applicant have a Forest Management Plan developed for the property included with this application.                                  | 100    |
|                    | 2               | Has the applicant applied for a CAP 106 for this property under EQIP.  | 50     |
|                    | 3               | The proposed contract includes the establishment of a Riparian Forest Buffer (Code 391)  | 50     |
|                    | 4               | The proposed contract includes Access Control (Code 472) in order to control livestock access to water features or currently grazed woodland | 50     |

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|  | 5  | The proposed contract includes Critical Area Planting (Code 342) to treat eroding areas, skid trails, log decks and access roads | 50  |
|  | 6  | The proposed contract includes Tree and Shrub Establishment (Code 612)   | 50  |
|  | 7  | The proposed contract includes Forest Site Preparation (Code 490)  | 50  |
|  | 8  | The proposed contract includes Prescribed Burn in order to accomplish site preparation for Tree and Shrub Establishment          | 40  |
|  | 9  | The proposed contract includes the establishment of Firebreak (Code 394)   | 40  |
|  | 10 | The proposed contract includes Fence (Code 382) to exclude livestock from currently grazed woodland or Riparian areas            | 40  |
|  | 11 | The proposed contract includes Prescribed Burn to promote wildlife habitat improvement (not for Tree or Shrub Establishment)     | 30  |
|  |    | Maximum Points: 450    Total Points  | 550 |

**Local Issues:**

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| High: 250 - 150   | Medium: 149 - 100   | Low: 99 - 0  |
| The score for addressing local resource issues is in the High range | The score for addressing local resource issues is in the Medium range; you may want to review your application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up | The score for addressing local resource issues is in the Low range; you may want to review your application to determine if other needed conservation measures can move the score up |

**Questions:**

| Sub-heading Number | Question Number | Question   | Points |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|--------|
| 1                  |                 | Select if it applies to this application   |        |
|                    | 1               | The proposed contract will establish Trees/Shrubs on open Cropland or Pasture                        | 100    |
| 2                  |                 | Select only one answer that applies to the proposed contract   |        |
|                    | 1               | The proposed contract will establish 3 core practices from the following: (Code 391,472,342,612,666) | 50     |
|                    | 2               | The proposed contract will establish 2 core practices from the following: (Code 391,472,342,612,666) | 30     |
|                    | 3               | The proposed contract will establish 1 core practice from the following: (Code 391,472,342,612,666)  | 20     |
|                    |                 | Maximum Points: 250    Total Points  | 200    |

**Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:**

Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter

- Brush Management (314)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Mulching (484)

Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food

- Brush Management (314)
- Mulching (484)

Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern

- Access Control (472)
- Prescribed Burning (338)

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants

- Brush Management (314)

- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Mulching (484)
- Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Fence (382)
  - Firebreak (394)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
  - Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Soil Erosion: Streambank
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water
  - Access Control (472)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Fence (382)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Water Quality: Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Fence (382)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Water Quality: Harmful Temperatures of Surface Water
  - Access Control (472)
  - Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)