Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NE Area Farmstead

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: NE Area Farmstead		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes O or No O
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes O or No O
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?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
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
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes O or No O

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
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?	Yes O or No O
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. 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
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Water Quality- (Excessive Nutrients and Organics and Surface Water, Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, and/or Pathogens, and/or Pesticides in Groundwater). This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	Yes O or No O
2. Soil Erosion – (Sheet, rill, wind, classic gully, ephemeral, streambank)- This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	Yes O or No O
3. Application includes Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102).	Yes O or No O
4. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address the control of noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
5. The applicant is only applying in one fund pool for the general EQIP sign-up.	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Section one will be for applications that DO contain Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Facility Cover (367) and the Waste Treatment scenario 1 (Incinerator or other Treatment Facility 629). If your application does not include any of these practices skip to Section two.	
1. Does the applicant currently have a CNMP completed and all resource concerns are addressed with the exception of Waste Storage Facility (313) and/or Manure Transfer (634)?	Yes O or No O
2. Does the applicant currently have a CNMP developed AND will address at least one resource concern (identified in the CNMP) with the implementation of practices contained within this application.	Yes O or No O
3. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: Producer does NOT have existing storage that can safely store 30 days or more of manure production at current animal numbers.	Yes O or No O
4. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: The Producer is applying for A Waste Storage Facility (313) that can safely store 6 months or more of manure production at current animal numbers or planned, whichever is larger in this application.	Yes O or No O
5. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: Other potential pollutants (milking center wastes, barnyard runoff, silage stack leachate, other) will be collected in the planned waste storage system (313).	Yes O or No O
6. Footprint of the planned Waste Storage Facility (313) practice will be installed within a Water Quality Management Area (within 300 feet of a stream or 1,000 feet of a lake).	Yes O or No O
7. Footprint of the planned Waste Storage Facility (313) that will be installed indicates severe limitations as indicated by groundwater or bedrock within 3 feet of the surface.	Yes O or No O
8. Waste Storage Facility (313) will prevent spreading of manure on shallow soils from February 1- April 30.	Yes O or No O
9. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is less than 1.0 for the application.	Yes O or No O

10. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is greater than or equal to 1.0 and less than 1.5 for the application.	Yes O or No O
11. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is greater than or equal to 1.5 for the application.	Yes O or No O
12. Produer has not received past financial assistance for the same practice(s) as currently applying: Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) Waste Facility Cover (367), and Waste Treatment – Scenario 1 (629).	Yes O or No O
Section two will be for applications that DO NOT contain Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Facility Cover (367) and the Waste Treatment scenario 1 (Incinerator or other Treatment Facility 629) AND have a CNMP in the application or already in place. If you application does not fit this scenario skip to section three.	
1. The applicant has a certified CNMP and practices included in the application are identified in the plan as being needed.	Yes O or No O
2. The practice(s) Well Decommissioning (351) and/or Closure of Waste Impoundment (360) and/or Karst Sinkhole Treatment (527) will be used to address the Water Quality – Harmful Levels of Pathogens in Groundwater resource concern.	Yes O or No O
3. Farmstead practices implemented will result in the interception of clean water from livestock and feed storage areas.	Yes O or No O
4. A barnyard system or components of a barnyard system will be installed within a Water Quality Management Area (within 300 feet of a stream or 1,000 feet of a lake) and the practice must have a positive impact on a surface water quality resource concerns.	Yes O or No O
5. A barnyard system or components of a barnyard system will be used to solve resource concerns resulting from livestock concentrations in areas that have severe limitation (areas of severe limitation include areas with groundwater close to the soil surface, Highly permeable soils, or bedrock within 3 feet of the surface).	Yes O or No O
Section three will be for applications that DO NOT contain Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Facility Cover (367) and the Waste Treatment scenario 1 (Incinerator or other Treatment Facility 629) AND DO NOT have a CNMP in the application or already in place.	
1. The practice(s) Well Decommissioning (351) and/or Closure of Waste Impoundment (360) and/or Karst Sinkhole Treatment (527) will be used to address the Water Quality – Harmful Levels of Pathogens in Groundwater resource concern.	Yes O or No O
2. Farmstead practices implemented will result in the interception of clean water from livestock and feed storage areas.	Yes O or No O
3. At least one Farmstead practice will be installed to reduce runoff into a surface water quality management area designated as a wetland, 300’ from a stream, and 1000’ from a lake and the practice must have a positive impact on a surface water quality resource concerns.	Yes O or No O
4. A barnyard system or components of a barnyard system will be used to solve resource concerns resulting from livestock concentrations in areas that have severe limitations (areas of severe limitation include areas with groundwater close to the soil surface, highly permeable soils, or bedrock within 3 feet of the surface).	Yes O or No O
5. The resource concern of soil erosion will be addressed through the implementation of practices contained within this application.	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues: **Final Ranking Score:**

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:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**