

2012 FRPP Ranking Guide

Ranking Factors	Data with Ranking Input	Ranking Points
Fiscal Year of Application		
Landowner Name		
County in which the parcel is located (choose county from drop-down list)		
Town in which the parcel is located		
Eligibility		
Person/Entity		
Landowner AGI (yes, no)		
Landowner HEL (yes, no)		
Landowner WC (yes, no)		
Cooperating Entity Eligible		
NRCS employee confirming Entity eligibility:		
Signature:		
Entity has a pending offer for the parcel		
Name of NRCS Employee confirming parcel offer:		
Does the Land have 50% prime, unique, or important farmland?		
Does the Land Have historic or archeological resources?		
Does the land have land that supports the policy of a state or local farmland protection program?		
Is the Land Eligible? <i>(If any of the previous 3 answers is Yes, land is eligible, if all are No, land is not.)</i>		
National Ranking Factors		
Land		
1 Total offered acres in the parcel		
2 % of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel (50 points for 50%, plus one point for every % over 50)		
3 % of cropland and pastureland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33% or less, 50 points for 33-66%, 100 points for >66%)		
4 Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county (0 points for a ratio of 1 or less, 10 points for ratios of 1.0-2.0, 20 points for ratios >2.0)		
5 Loss of Farmland (%) in the county between 2002 and 2007 (0 points for a decrease of 0% or less, 25 points for a decrease of 1-5percent, 50 points for a decrease of 5-10%, 25 points for a decrease of 10-15%, 0 points for a decrease of >15%)		
6 Ratio of % population growth in county to % population growth in state (adjusted) (0 points for a growth rate of less than the state growth rate, 10 points for a growth rate 1-2 times the state rate, 25 points for a growth rate of 2-3 times the state rate, 0 points for a growth rate >3 times the state rate.		
7 Ratio of population density in county to state population density (adjusted) (0 points for a density < the state population density, 15 points for a density 1-2 times the state, 25 points for a density of 2-3 times the state, 0 points for a density >3 times the state		
8 Proximity of parcel to other protected land - Distance (miles) from nearest protected land. (0 points for less than 25 acres of protected land w/in 1 mile of parcel, 25 points for 26-75 acres w/in 1 mile and 50 points for 76 acres or more of protected land w/in 1 mile of parcel.)		
9 Proximity of parcel to other agricultural operation and infrastructure - Distance (miles) (0 points for less than 50 acres of ag land/infrastructure w/in 1 mile of parcel, 25 points for 50-100 acres w/in 1 mile and 50 points for 100 acres or more of ag land/infrastructure w/in 1 mile of parcel.)		
Total National Points		0

Max

100

100

20

50

25

25

50

50

420

Data for #4, 5, 6, 7						
	avg. size farm - #4	decrease in acreage #5	Pop growth	Ratio of population growth #6	density	density ratio #7
Massachusetts	67	-0.1	1.6	1	809.8	1
Barnstable	13	-12.6	0	0	561.9	0
Berkshire	127	-3.3	-3.8	0	144.9	0
Bristol	51	8.8	1.6	1	961.7	1.2
Dukes	98	1.2	3.3	2.1	144.4	0
Essex	52	-0.1	1.3	0	1444.9	1.8
Franklin	107	7	0.1	0	101.9	0
Hampden	73	-2.1	0.4	0	737.8	0
Hampshire	74	3.9	0.6	0	287.8	0
Middlesex	48	2.2	0.5	0	1779.6	2.2
Nantucket	44	0	10.6	6.6	199.1	0
Norfolk	44	-7.8	0.7	0	1627.5	2
Plymouth	56	-16.5	3.7	2.3	715.5	0
Suffolk	14	0	3.4	2.1	11788.4	14.6
Worcester	69	2.7	4	2.5	496.3	0