

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Grazing Lands Environmental Concerns

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Grazing Lands Environmental Concerns		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source 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 using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?	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"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Water Quality - Is the treatment area within a state listed impaired watershed and will it address the particular impairment? Yes = 100 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Water Quality - Is the treatment area where practices in the application will be installed within a Public Water Supply Wellhead Protection Area? Yes = 75 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. RMS Treatment Level - Will practices in this application complete a Resource Management System (RMS) on more than one land use? Yes = 100 Points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. RMS Treatment Level - Will practices in this application complete a Resource Management System (RMS) on one land use only? Yes = 75 Point	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Land Conservation - Is the treatment area in this application protected by a permanent easement? Yes = 100 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Land Conservation - Is the treatment area in this application protected by a rental contract for 10 or more years, or an easement of 10 or more years that is not permanent? Yes = 75 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Cultural Resources – Are specific practices, planned with a Cultural Resource Specialist, included in this application that will protect a known National Register of Historic Sites eligible cultural resource? Yes = 100 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Water Quantity - Was the land where practices in this application will be installed (treatment area) damaged by a severe storm event in the past 2 years and is EQIP the only federal assistance available to repair this damage? Yes = 100 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Wildlife Habitat – Will federal and state listed T&E species be protected and habitat improved by practices in this application? Yes = 100 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Water Quality – Will direct discharge of sediment into surface waters be controlled by practices in this application? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Water Quality – Does the application include conservation buffers that are greater than 35 feet in width? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Water Quality – Does the application include conservation buffers that are 15 feet to 34 feet in width? Yes =	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

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13. Water Quality - Does the application include conservation buffers on a public water supply or impaired water? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Water Quality - Does the application include a Riparian Forest Buffer? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Plant Condition – Is the Pest Management practice included in this application for control of invasive plant species? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Wildlife Habitat – Does the application include the Upland/Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management practice and at least one other practice that will improve wildlife habitat on the treatment area? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Wildlife Habitat – Will all practices in this application be installed without impacting wetlands? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Air Quality – Is the Windbreak/Shelterbelt practice included in this application to trap dust and aerosols? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Soil Erosion – Will conservation practices in this application save more than 12 Tons Soil/Acre? Yes = 50 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Soil Erosion – Will conservation practices in this application save 4 to 12 Tons Soil/Acre? Yes = 30 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Water Quality – Is this applicant applying for a CNMP or already applying a CNMP? Yes = 200 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Water Quality - Is the animal density factor (Animal Units/ Acre) less than 1? Yes = 15 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Water Quality - Is the animal density factor (Animal Units/ Acre) equal to or greater than 1 and less than 2? Yes = 10 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Water Quality - Is the predominant livestock class poultry? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Water Quality - Is the predominant livestock class dairy cows or swine with manure handled as a liquid? Yes = 20 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Water Quality - Is the predominant livestock class dairy cows or swine with manure handled as a semi-solid? Yes = 15 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Water Quality - Is the predominant livestock class beef or dry cows with manure handled as a semi-solid? Yes = 10 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Water Quality - Is the predominant livestock class sheep/goats/horses or other livestock with manure handled as a semi-solid? Yes = 5 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Water Quality - Are practices included in the application that will exclude all livestock from access to all surface water or wetlands? Yes = 35 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Water Quality - Will nutrient management be applied on the treatment area following a NMP? Yes = 25 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Water Quality – Does the application include pest management on grasslands to the integrated pest management (IPM) level of treatment? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Water Quality – Does the application include pest management that will be applied on grasslands? Yes = 20 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Water Quality – Does the application include practices that will be installed to create or enhance a pasture sacrifice heavy use area or manure stacking site? Yes = 25 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Domestic Animals - Will an existing Prescribed Grazing Plan be implemented? Yes = 30 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Domestic Animals - If a Prescribed Grazing Plan is to be implemented, does the application include prescribed grazing to the Management Intensive Grazing (MIG) level of treatment? Yes = 30 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Domestic Animals - Will a Prescribed Grazing Plan be developed for the first time? Yes = 10 Points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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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.

NRCS Representative:

Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development:

Signature Date:

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