

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary  
Socially Disadvantaged

Program: AMA 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Socially Disadvantaged		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. Construct or improve watershed management or irrigation structures?	20 Point(s)
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	15 Point(s)
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	10 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Plant trees to form windbreaks?	20 Point(s)
2. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	5 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	20 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
4. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	15 Point(s)

High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	20 Point(s)
5. b. Transition to organic farming?	20 Point(s)
5. c. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	15 Point(s)
Strategic Initiative - Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
7. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	15 Point(s)
7. 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?	10 Point(s)
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
8. a. If the applicant has an existing AMA contract, has it been, and it is now, on schedule and in full compliance?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	10 Point(s)
8. c. Is this the applicant’s first AMA application?	10 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is more than 50% of the land in a High Nutrient Management Critical Area Priority (RED)? (Choose one Watershed for questions 1 through 3).	60 Point(s)
2. Is more than 50% of the land in a Medium Nutrient Management Critical Area Priority (Yellow)? (Choose one Watershed for questions 1 through 3).	50 Point(s)
3. Is more than 50% of the land in a Low Nutrient Management Critical Area Priority (Blue)? (Choose one Watershed for questions 1 through 3).	30 Point(s)

4. Is more than 50% of the land in an area considered to be an excellent recharge area? Answer 'yes' to only 4 or 5.	20 Point(s)
5. Is more than 50% of the land located within 1000 feet of an area considered to be an excellent recharge area? Answer 'yes' to only 4 or 5.	15 Point(s)
6. Is more than 50% of the land located in a State Designated Agricultural District?	20 Point(s)
7. Is more than 50% of the land enrolled in the Delaware Farmland Preservation Program?	25 Point(s)
8. Are the requested conservation practices part of an applicant's current ToolKit conservation plan?	15 Point(s)
9. Is the land enrolled in the Grassland Reserve Program for 30 years or perpetuity?	10 Point(s)
10. Is the land enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program for 30 years or perpetuity?	10 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. Does this application qualify as a CAFO as defined by the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission?	10 Point(s)
2. Will the producer use AL-Clear or Alum or Klasp as a poultry litter amendment?	10 Point(s)
3. Will the applicant be applying an agricultural waste structure (ex: 313, 316, 317, 558, 561, 634)?	100 Point(s)
4. Will the applicant be applying an agricultural amendment (591) or applying waste treatment (629) or applying nutrient (590) or pest management (595) or engine replacement (370)?	80 Point(s)
5. Will the applicant be applying an irrigation related practice? (118, 430DD, 441, 442, 449,533)	60 Point(s)
6. Will the applicant be applying an erosion control practice that reduces gully erosion or sheet and rill erosion? (327, 328, 329, 340, 342, 362, 380, 386, 393, 410, 412).	50 Point(s)
7. Will the applicant be applying a hay/pasture practice? (382, 511, 512, 516, 528, 533, 575, 614, 642)	50 Point(s)
8. Will the applicant be applying wildlife practice that enhances or improves wildlife habitat? (314, 327, 380, 386, 391, 393, 422, 595, 643, 646, 657, 612, 666)	30 Point(s)
9. Will the applicant be applying a practice not mentioned in any of the above questions? (560,587, 620)	20 Point(s)