Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SRT Cropland - Dry

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: SRT Cropland - Dry		**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. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes O or No O
2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?…..(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	Yes O or No O
3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map?….. (http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm) (http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm)	Yes O or No O
4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes O or No O
5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act?	Yes O or No O
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
DRY CROPLAND	
1. 1. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will a No-Till or Direct Seed system be used to treat sheet & rill and/or wind erosion in the 14" and greater precipitation zone?	Yes O or No O
2. 2. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will a Residue Management system be used to reduce or eliminate conventional tillage to treat sheet & rill and/or wind erosion on >50% of the operating unit with a SCI of 0.2?	Yes O or No O
3. 3. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will a Mulch Till system be implemented, on the operating unit, that improves the Soil Conditioning Index to a > SCI of 0.2 at 14" and below rainfall zone and to a > SCI of 0.4 in the greater than 14" rainfall zone?	Yes O or No O
4. 4. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will concentrated flow erosion be controlled?	Yes O or No O
5. 5. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will 10 acres or more of native or introduced grass species be established on HEL cropland that has been in cereal grain, summer fallow, or annual production for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to the conversion year?	Yes O or No O
6. 6. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will at least 5.0 acres, or up to 9.9 acres, of native or introduced grass species be established on HEL cropland that has been in cereal grain, summer fallow, or annual production for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to the conversion year?	Yes O or No O
7. 7. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will at least 1.0 acre, or up to 4.9 acres, of native or introduced grass species be established on HEL cropland that has been in cereal grain, summer fallow, or annual production for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to the conversion year?	Yes O or No O
8. 8. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will the perennial native grass planting include a minimum 1/2 acre tree/shrub planting or 1 acre sagebrush planting or 3 acres Basin Wild rye planting?	Yes O or No O
9. 9. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will 0.5 acres of trees, shrubs, and perennial grass be planted following WDFW species recommendations and/or meets the NRCS 643 Conservation Practice Standard?	Yes O or No O

10. 10. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will greater than 0.5 acres of trees, shrubs, and perennial grass be planted following WDFW species recommendations and/or meets the NRCS 643 Conservation Practice Standard?	Yes O or No O
11. 11. (DRY CROPLAND) …..Will wildlife habitat be enhanced by installing guzzlers 1/2 mile or more from perennial water or by constructing wildlife brush piles?	Yes O or No O
12. 12. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Is the land covered by the application located within the Conservation Priority Area identified on the CRP Air Quality Map (2-CRP, WA Exhibit 12) and will it be planned to the 1/2T treatment level?	Yes O or No O
13. 13. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will a Pest Management system utilizing sensor sprayer technology be adopted?	Yes O or No O
14. 14. (DRY CROPLAND)…. Will a Nutrient and or Pest Management system utilizing GPS guidance and/or mapping be adopted?	Yes O or No O
15. 15. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will a Pest Management system utilizing automatic boom shutoff be adopted?	Yes O or No O
16. 16. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will a Nutrient and or Pest Management system utilizing GPS guidance, mapping, and full auto steering technology be adopted?	Yes O or No O
17. 17. (DRY CROPLAND) Will a split fertilizer system be utilized, under Nutrient Management to apply not more than 60% of crop nutrient requirements on 1st application or inclusion of slow release nitrogen , and/or will variable rates of fertilizer be applied according to field specific data?	Yes O or No O
18. 18. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will a Riparian Forest Buffer, Contour Buffer Strip, Grassed Waterway, Field Border, Windbreak/Shelterbelt, Filter Strip, or Conservation Cover be established that provides a water quality, air quality, soil erosion, livestock health, and/or wildlife habitat benefit?	Yes O or No O
19. 19. (DRY CROPLAND)…..Will a chemical handling facility be installed?	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:**