

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SCT Grazing land – Livestock

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: SCT Grazing land – Livestock		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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 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)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
GRAZING LAND ONLY Answer yes to all that apply for the next 3 questions. Note: GRAZING LAND/LIVESTOCK – This is one funding pool, but consider the application as either grazing or livestock, not both, for ranking purposes.	
27. (GRAZING LAND ONLY)Will prescribed grazing be applied? Answer "yes" only if the applicant agrees to apply prescribed grazing on the proposed contract acres. The definition of prescribed grazing is the controlled harvest of vegetation with grazing animals managed with the intent to achieve a specified objective. The purposes are: to improve or maintain the health & vigor of the desired plant community; maintain or improve water quality and quantity, reduce soil erosion and maintain or improve soil condition; and improve or maintain animal health and productivity. It includes developing a grazing schedule for the operating unit to document expected quantity and quality of forage for each pasture; number of livestock by kinds and class, and periods of grazing, resting and other treatment for each management unit .	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
28. (GRAZING LAND ONLY) Range structural practices will be used to facilitate grazing distribution? Answer "yes" only if there is sufficient indication that: (1) there is either a lack of adequate water quantity or availability and/or, (2) there is a lack of adequate cross-fencing and these are limiting factors for achieving proper grazing distribution. Evaluation may be based on aerial photos, case file information, the National Range and Pasture Handbook, and applicant interview.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. (GRAZING LAND ONLY)Will applicant utilize practices that improve plant condition (Health & Vigor) on forage ground?(Pasture, hayland, forage cropland). The management scheme or plan does not provide the proper techniques and timing to meet the plant needs of establishment, growth, and harvest. Answer "yes" only if a combination of the following practice standards will be met to reduce soil compaction and promote an upward trend of proper plant community –511 Forage Harvest Management, 512 Pasture and Hay Planting, 472 Use exclusion, 550 Range planting, 548 Grazing Land Mechanical treatment.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
LIVESTOCK ONLY.....Answer yes to all that apply for the next 8 questions. GRAZING	

LAND/LIVESTOCK – This is one funding pool, but consider the application as either grazing or livestock, not both, for ranking purposes.	
30. (LIVESTOCK ONLY) Will confinement areas adjacent to streams be relocated to create buffers with livestock exclusion?..... Confinement areas are defined as restricted areas where livestock are fed and waste and effluent are concentrated. Confinement areas will be relocated no less than the minimum buffer width specified in the current Riparian Forest Buffer Standard (391).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
31. (LIVESTOCK ONLY)Will a CNMP be included?(livestock operations) Answer "yes" only if the application is a livestock operation with lands where animal manure is applied, and will include the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan that meets NRCS criteria. Evaluation may be based on case file information and applicant interview. An existing nutrient management resource problem must be present to receive these points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. (LIVESTOCK ONLY)Will water quality be improved by implementing a manure waste transfer system? Answer "yes" only if waste transfer is needed to implement CNMP, or if transfer is needed from storage to additional liquid application acres not currently in the CNMP.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
33. (LIVESTOCK ONLY)Will air and water quality be improved by implementing soil injection of animal waste?..... Answer "yes" only if implementing a manure injection system for odor control, where feasible as part of the CNMP.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. (LIVESTOCK ONLY)Is storage needed for animal manure? Answer "yes" only if a waste storage facility is needed and included in the application. Evaluation may be based on applicant interview, livestock numbers, and current storage capability.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. (LIVESTOCK ONLY) "Is applicant willing to apply compost instead of raw (solid) manure?"	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
36. (LIVESTOCK ONLY) "Is applicant willing to build and operate a compost facility?"	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
37. (LIVESTOCK ONLY)Are there heavy use areas that need stabilization? Answer "yes" only if there is a need to stabilize small areas of intense livestock use to improve water quality and/or quantity. Evaluation may be based on soil interpretations, case file information, and applicant interview. The conservation practice "Heavy Use Area Protection" will be included in the application. This does not include gravel around troughs.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL	
47. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) Will a buffer/wildlife practices be installed? Answer "yes" only if the application includes a buffer/wildlife practice that will provide a water quality, wildlife habitat, and/or air quality benefit. (Answer yes only if points are not awarded for other modifiers)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
48. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) "Applicant's history of completing previous contracts" (1 of 3) ---Based on applicant's proven history of completing previous USDA conservation contracts, did applicant complete implementation of all past contracts on schedule, or has never participated on a conservation program contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
49. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) "Applicant's history of completing previous contracts" (2 of 3) ---Based on applicant's proven history of completing previous USDA conservation contracts, did applicant complete implementation of all contract items with minor delays, within participant's control, which required contract modification?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
50. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) "Applicant's history of completing previous contracts"(3 of 3) ---Base on applicant's proven history of completing previous USDA conservation contracts, did applicant fail to complete a past contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
51. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) Does applicant's project require permits? If so, are all permits in place ready to install?(applies to stream projects only)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
52. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) Is critical area restoration needed for erosion control on naturally disturbed areas? (i.e. Fire, flood, etc.) (Answer yes only if points are not awarded for other modifiers)	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.

Notes:

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