

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

PLT Cropland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: PLT Cropland		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. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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. 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. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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
CROPLAND APPLICANTS: QUESTIONS #1 & 2: ANSWER YES TO NO MORE THAN ONE QUESTION.	
1. 1. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will conventional tillage be eliminated and a Mulch Till System be implemented to treat an erosion concern, improve the soil organic matter condition, and if the erosion level before treatment is below the Soil Loss Tolerance for the dominant critical soil in the planning unit, the treatment will reduce the erosion level by at least 50% ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will conventional tillage be eliminated, and a No-Till or Direct Seed system of three (3) consecutive years be installed to treat an organic matter depletion concern, or an erosion concern, and if the erosion level before treatment is below the Soil Loss Tolerance for the dominant critical soil in the planning unit, the treatment will reduce the erosion level by at least 50%?....(Note: Any fallow within the system will be chem-fallow, and the no-till or direct seed specification will be met upon seeding the next crop.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
CROPLAND APPLICANTS: QUESTIONS #3 - 10: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.	
3. 3. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will CRP land be converted to range and/or pasture use or prescribed grazing for three consecutive years	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will CRP land be planted to crops using a No-till or Direct Seed system for 3 consecutive years ?...(Note: Any Fallow within the system will be chem-fallow and the no-till or direct seed specification will be met upon seeding the next crop.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will 2.5% of the planning unit acreage have diverse, permanent cover ? (Note: The cover will be comprised of existing 3-acre minimum size blocks of cover and enhanced for wildlife or will establish wildlife-friendly introduced or native cover. All cover will be maintained to avoid disturbance during the nesting period)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will a Grassed Waterway or Sediment Basin be installed to treat an ephemeral gully erosion concern on cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 7. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will the applicant agree to not burn on cropland, in order to improve soil	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

organic matter condition (SCI)?	
8. 8. (DRY CROPLAND).....Will a Contour Buffer Strip system or Stripcropping system be installed to treat a soil erosion concern on the entire planning unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. 9. (Dry Cropland) If whole-farm CRP conversion to cropland is occurring, will Direct Seed practices be used in combination with a permanent contour buffer system ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. 10. (Dry Cropland) If installing Buffers will a species mix suitable for Restoration of Declining Habitats practice standard be seeded and maintained on a minimum 3-acre section of the less-erosive portion of a buffer(s)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p>

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:

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