

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
 FY12 Seasonal High Tunnels

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY12 Seasonal High Tunnels	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?	15 Point(s)
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	10 Point(s)
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	5 Point(s)
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)?	15 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)
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?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	15 Point(s)

3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
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?	15 Point(s)
5. 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:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	10 Point(s)
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	5 Point(s)
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	5 Point(s)
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	10 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
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?	5 Point(s)
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer all of the following questions that apply regarding the project's impact on addressing resource concerns. Maximum points 300.	
1. a The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Conservation Crop Rotation (328) or supports an existing conservation crop rotation which meets FOTG quality criteria.	60 Point(s)
1. b The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Nutrient Management (590) or supports an existing Nutrient Management plan which meets FOTG quality criteria to reduce the risk of nutrients moving offsite.	60 Point(s)
1. c The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Integrated Pest Management (595) or supports an existing pest management plan which meets FOTG quality criteria to reduce the risk of pesticides moving offsite or other risks associated with cultural or biological pest suppressions.	60 Point(s)
1. d The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Irrigation Water Management (449) or supports an existing irrigation management plan that meets FOTG quality criteria.	60 Point(s)
1. e The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices or supports the use of existing practices (such as; cover crops, residue management, and residue and tillage management) which will result in a positive Soil Condition Index (SCI) score as determined by RUSLE II.	60 Point(s)
Answer one of the following questions regarding the project's impact on energy use through local consumption. Maximum points 100.	

2. a Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 50 miles of the site.	100 Point(s)
2. b Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 50 to 100 miles of the site.	50 Point(s)
2. c Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 100 to 150 miles of the site.	25 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. The EQIP schedule of operations supports the adoption of a conservation crop rotation which include a diverse mix of crops and cover crops for the enrolled acres affected by the installation of the seasonal high tunnel.	75 Point(s)
2. Will the crop residues produced as harvested crop be composted and utilized in the production of crops grown in association with the installation of the seasonal high tunnel?	100 Point(s)
Answer one of the following questions regarding the project's impact on energy use through local consumption.	
3. Will 75 percent or more of the crops produced with the seasonal high tunnel be consumed or marketed locally (within 25 miles of the site)?	25 Point(s)
4. Will 100 percent or more of the crops produced with the seasonal high tunnel be consumed or marketed locally (within 25 miles of the site)?	50 Point(s)