

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary  
EQIP SPCC Implementation Pilot

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: EQIP SPCC Implementation Pilot		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 ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	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**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Answer only one (1) question regarding location from a water body or ground water (Ques. 1-3)	
1. Project is located within ½ mile of a stream, waterway; or ground water depth less than 5 feet from the surface.	200 Point(s)
2. Project is located within 1 mile of a stream, waterway; or ground water depth greater than 5 feet and less than 10 feet from the surface.	100 Point(s)
3. Project is located within 3 miles of a stream, waterway; or ground water depth greater than 10 feet from the surface.	50 Point(s)
Answer only one (1) question regarding containment of spill (Ques. 4-6)	
4. Implementation of the identified practice(s) will result in 100 percent containment of a potential spill from the project site.	200 Point(s)
5. Implementation of the identified practice(s) will result in containment of 80 percent of a potential spill from the project site.	100 Point(s)
6. Implementation of the identified practice(s) will result in less than 60 percent containment of a potential spill from the project site.	50 Point(s)
If the answer to this question is YES, then this applicant does not meet the requirements for a contract	
7. Producer has neither self certified nor obtained a SPCC plan prior to applying for a containment structure.	-400 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Answer one of the next 3 questions	

1. Producer an approved SPCC plan or has self certified on the EPA site and has a design by a licensed engineer that meets the farm or ranch fuel containment needs and is ready to be reviewed by the NRCS State Conservation Engineer.	250 Point(s)
2. Producer has a SPCC plan (has 10,000 gallons or more) that has been approved by the NRCS State Conservation Engineer but needs the design completed by a TSP.	150 Point(s)
3. Producer does not need a SPCC plan but has self certified (has less than 10,000 gallons) on the EPA site and needs the design completed by a TSP.	100 Point(s)
If the answer to this question is YES, then the applicant does not qualify for a contract.	
4. Producer has neither self certified nor obtained a SPCC plan prior to applying for a containment structure.	-250 Point(s)