

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SI - Seasonal High Tunnel

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> SI - Seasonal High Tunnel		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

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 ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	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. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production 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"/>

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. If funded, would this be the applicant's first EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the hoop structure being installed as part of a community/group effort?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is this the participants first Seasonal High Tunnel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Are 25% or less of the crops consumed for personal use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the application benefit pollinator species through the seeding of pollinator friendly seeding mixes? (Must be in accordance with Montana NRCS Biology Technical Note Number MT-20, March, 2009.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the tunnel be used to grow annual produce crops (vegetables/fruits)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the Seasonal High Tunnel be protected from the wind by an existing windbreak/shelterbelt?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Proximity to Market - Select no more than one of the following.	
1. Are 75% or more of the crops produced with the high tunnel marketed within 50 miles of the tunnel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Are 75% or more of the crops produced with the high tunnel marketed between 50 and 150 miles of the tunnel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Are 75% or more of the crops produced with the high tunnel marketed greater than 150 miles from the tunnel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Supplemental Practices - Select all that apply.	
1. Will the contract include Nutrient Management (590)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the contract include Irrigation Water Management (449)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the contract include installation of a Micro-Irrigation System (441)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the contract include Critical Area Planting (342)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Crop Rotation - Select no more that one of the following.	
1. If you are growing only one species under the tunnel per year, will the applicant grow 3 different species within a 3 year period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. If you are growing multiple species concurrently, will the crops be rotated to different areas in the tunnel from year to year?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Planned Cropping System - Select no more than of the following.	
1. Will the applicant double crop within the high tunnel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the applicant triple crop within the high tunnel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:
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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:**

**Application Signature Not Required for Contract  
Development unless required by State policy:**

**Signature Date:**