Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Area Three - Cropland/Specialty Crop

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: Area Three - Cropland/Specialty Crop		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes O or No O
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes O or No O
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes O or No O
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes O or No O
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes O or No O
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes O or No O
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
WATER QUALITY - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in the treatment of an area that is less than or equal to 300 feet from a sensitive area such as streams, wetlands, etc.	Yes O or No O
2. Offset laws &/or regulations imposed on the operation? IF OPERATION IS ALREADY CITED, CAN NOT RECEIVE WITH COST SHARE TO IMPLEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.	Yes O or No O
3. Reduce nutrient, sediment, and/or pesticides on fields located in an impaired watershed 303(d), TMDL, or has karsts features or in high aquifer recharge area?	Yes O or No O
WATER QUANTITY - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in water savings with irrigation practices such as upgrading poly and nozzles for mirco-irrigation? NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SYSTEMS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED WITH FEDERAL COST SHARE, IF COST SHARED WITHIN 15 YEARS.	Yes O or No O
SOIL EROSION - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in reduction of soil loss to "T" or address High Leach Soils? (CONTRACTED ACREAGE MUST CONSIST OF GREATER THAN 50% HIGH LEACH SOILS)	Yes O or No O
2. Result in the implementation of Conservation Crop Rotation (328) with seasonal cover crop implemented to reduce soil erosion? (NO GRAZING PERMITTED)	Yes O or No O
RESIDUE MANAGEMENT - If the applicant is applying for Residue Mgt (329, 345), answer the following question(s).	
1. Is the applicant applying for Residue Management (329, 345)?	Yes O or No O
2. IF QUESTION #1 IS "YES", Has the applicant ever received cost share for Residue Management on any operation in previous years or Farm Bill Programs. If Question #1 is "NO", then answer "NO".	Yes O or No O
PLANT & ANIMAL HEALTH - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in the protection of citrus from windbourne diseases through Windbreaks/Shelterbelt Establishment, Code 380, installed to NRCS Standards and Specifications.	Yes O or No O
CONSERVATION PLAN	
1. Does the applicant have a Conservation Plan, that meets the requirements outlined on of the FL-CPA30 for the Conservation Management Unit (CMU) by the end of the batching period (November	Yes O or No O

16, 2012)?	
2. IF QUESTION #1 IS "YES", Has the applicant completed greater than 50 percent of the practices within the Conservation Plan? If Question #1 is "NO", then answer "NO".	Yes O or No O
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	
1. Will the leverage of non-federal funding be utilized to implement this contract?	Yes O or No O
2. Has the applicant ever cancelled/terminated an EQIP contract?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
SOIL EROSION	
1. Will EQIP funds be used to address existing gully erosion?	Yes O or No O
2. Will EQIP funds be used to implement an underground outlet, grassed or lined waterway according to NRCS practice codes 620, 412 or 468?	Yes O or No O
3. Will EQIP funds be used to implement a Grade Stabilization Structure, Code 410 according to NRCS Standards & Specifications?	Yes O or No O
4. Does the erosion cause sedimentation to occur off the property?	Yes O or No O
WATER QUALITY	
1. Will EQIP funds be used to implement Drainage Water Management, Code 554 according to NRCS Standards & Specifications?	Yes O or No O
2. Will EQIP funds be used to implement Irrigation Water Management, Code 449 according to NRCS Standards & Specifications, this question may not be answered "YES" if an Irrigation System, code 441, 442 or 443 are planned to be cost-shared (Water Quantity - Questions 3, 4, 5, or 6)?	Yes O or No O
WATER QUANTITY	
1. Will EQIP funds be used to implement an Irrigation Storage Reservoir, Code 436, Irrigation or Regulating Reservoir, Code 552 or a Water Harvesting Catchment, Code 636, in accordance with the appropriate NRCS Standards & Specifications?	Yes O or No O
2. Is the EQIP tract being considered for Water Use Caution Area (WUCA) or Central Ridge; and has irrigation system been used the two out of 5 years; and is there an improvement in irrigation system efficiency (ISE)?	Yes O or No O
3. Will EQIP funds be used to implement a Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery, Code 447 according to NRCS Standards & Specifications on an existing Irrigation System, Sprinkler, Code 442 or Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface, Code 443?	Yes O or No O
4. Will EQIP funds be used to convert an existing Irrigation System, Sprinkler, Code 442 or Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface, Code 443 that has been used the last 2 out of 5 years to a Irrigation System, Microirrigation, Code 441 that results in an improvement in irrigation system efficiency (ISE)?	Yes O or No O
5. Will EQIP funds be used to implement a complete sytem reorganization on an irrigation system that has been used the last 2 out of 5 years that results in an improvement in irrigation efficiency (ISE)?	Yes O or No O
6. Will EQIP funds be used to implement a partial (poly & emitters only) reorganization on an irrigation system that has been used the last 2 out of 5 years that results in an improvement in irrigation system efficiency (ISE)?	Yes O or No O
7. Will EQIP funds be used for Well Plugging, Code 755 or Well Decommisioning, Code 351 according to NRCS Standards & Specifications?	Yes O or No O
8. Will EQIP funds be used for the installation of an irrigation system de-idler shutdown devise according to NRCS Pumping Plant, Code 533 Standards & Specifications ?	Yes O or No O
ADDITIONAL QUESTION	
1. All design work has been certified so all practices within the contract are ready to install on or before November 16, 2012.	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

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:**