



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: FY22 VA ALE Gen. Prog.Agreement

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Section: Census of Agriculture, USDA NASS

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page, www.census.gov)	Growth rate of equal or less than the State growth rate	0
	Growth rate greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State growth rate	4
	Growth rate of greater than two and less than or equal to three times the State growth rate	7
	Growth rate of greater than three times the State growth rate	15
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)	Pop. density same as or less than the State population density	0
	Pop. density greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State population density	5
	Pop. density greater than two and less than or equal to three times the State population density	10
	Pop. density of greater than three times the State population density	15

Section: Other National Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Existence of a farm succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations.	No plan or plan prepared by professional more than 10 years old	0
	Plan prepared by industry professional equal to or greater than 10 years old	5
	Plan prepared by industry professional between 3 years but less than or equal to 5 years old	10
	Plan prepared by industry professional less than 2 years old	15
Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as compatible military installations; land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian Tribe, State or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use.	Easement offer area (EOA) boundary greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary	0
	EOA is greater than 1 mile but less than or equal to 3 miles from protected land	4
	EOA is within 1 mile of protected land boundary	7
	EOA boundary adjoins protected land boundary	15
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure. Agricultural Infrastructure includes items that support the agricultural community such as transportation, implementation supplier, ag supplier of seed, herbicides, or fertilizers, elevator or cooperative groups, etc.)	Easement offer area (EOA) boundary is greater than 3 miles in proximity	0
	EOA is greater than 1 mile but less than or equal to 3 miles in proximity	4
	EOA is within 1 mile proximity	7
	EOA boundary adjoins	15

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Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use, Proximal refers to the ALE acreages ability to create or provide a continuous protected area, Example 1 the New parcel is adjacent to Current protected area, making it larger, or 2 New parcel is adjacent to and connects two protected areas into one large one. Instead of two, there would be one large one.	Parcel does not increase a protected agricultural use area.	0
	Parcel is a contiguous or proximal expansion of agricultural use protected area.	6
	Parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of protected agricultural use.	15
Parcel is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within one year and is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	YES	2
	NO	0
Land is grassland of special environmental significance that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	YES	2
	NO	0
The grassland in the parcel will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement.	YES	1
	NO	0
Percent of the fair market value of the Agricultural Land Easement that is the eligible entity's own cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner and comes from sources other than the landowner.	Cash is 10% or more.	15
	Cash is 5% or more.	7
	Cash is less than 5%.	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: State Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The parcel is located in an area zoned for agricultural use.	YES	10
	NO	0
Eligible entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements. Performance must be measured by the efficiency by which easement transactions are completed, or percentage of parcels that have been monitored annually, and the percentage of monitoring results that have been reported annually. (Cannot score points for both options: minimum deed terms addendum and certification.)	Submitted 100% of annual monitoring reports in the past 5 years. This includes providing information on any change in ownership to NRCS.	10
	Submitted annual monitoring reports ON TIME in the past 5 years.	10
	Completed a past ALE or FRPP acquisition within two-year initial contract period.	10
	Will attach the ALE minimum deed terms addendum as written, or use of an EPD-approved entity-specific ALE deed template.	10
	Eligible entity requested and received certification under ACEP-ALE and is operating as a certified entity,	10
Contains a historical or archaeological resource on the Local, State, OR National Register, OR designated as a Century Farm, AND will be protected by easement.	Yes	20
	Adjacent	5
	No	0
Diversity and At-risk species - Parcel contains a state or federal threatened or endangered species per Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - Natural Heritage Data Explorer (NHDE).	YES	15
	NO	0

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Geographic regions where the enrollment of particular lands may help achieve National, State, and Regional agricultural or conservation goals and objectives, or enhance existing government or private conservation projects.	Governor's ConserveVirginia priority area	15
	Chesapeake Bay Watershed	15
	Area of Tribal significance, identified as a Virginia state-recognized Native American Indian Tribe through a letter to NRCS;	15
	Local government policy consistent with the purposes of the ACEP (cite the State or local government policy consistent with the ACEP);	15
	Designated Sentinel Lands in Virginia.	15
Measures that will be used to maintain or increase agricultural viability, such as ...	Succession plans	10
	Agricultural land easement plan (not including required highly erodible land conservation plans).	10
	Entity deed terms that specifically address long-term agricultural viability.	10