



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: FY 21 NIPF - Classic BFR

Program: CStwP

Template: FY 2021 CSP Classic

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Land Uses

Land Use	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Modifier 4	Modifier 5	Modifier 6
Forest	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	--	--	--
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat	0	5	30
Concentrated erosion	0	10	30
Degraded plant condition	0	20	30
Field pesticide loss	0	--	30
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	--	30
Fire management	0	5	30
Inefficient energy use	0	--	30
Livestock production limitation	0	--	30
Pest pressure	0	20	30
Soil quality limitations	0	5	30
Source water depletion	0	--	30
Terrestrial habitat	0	15	30
Weather resilience	0	5	30
Wind and water erosion	0	15	30

Aquatic habitat			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms	0	50	100

Aquatic habitat

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Elevated water temperature	0	50	100

Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	30	50
Classic gully erosion	0	40	50
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	30	50

Degraded plant condition

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Field pesticide loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Pesticides transported to groundwater	0	50	100
Pesticides transported to surface water	0	50	100

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	20	50
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	20	50
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	20	50
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	20	50
Sediment transported to surface water	0	20	50

Fire management

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation	0	100	100

Inefficient energy use

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities	0	50	100
Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations	0	50	100

Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	50	50
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	50	50

Pest pressure

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant pest pressure	0	100	100

Soil quality limitations

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	25	50
Compaction	0	25	50
Concentration of salts or other chemicals	0	5	50
Organic matter depletion	0	25	50
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	20	50

Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	0	10	50
Inefficient irrigation water use	0	50	50
Surface water depletion	0	40	50

Terrestrial habitat

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	0	100	100

Weather resilience

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Naturally available moisture use	0	25	50
Ponding and flooding	0	25	50
Seasonal high water table	0	25	50
Seeps	0	25	50

Wind and water erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Sheet and rill erosion	0	95	100
Wind erosion	0	5	100

Practices

Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Enhance a grassed waterway	E412A	F
Leaving tall crop residue for wildlife	E328L	F
Forage testing for improved harvesting methods and hay quality	E511C	F
Crop Bundle #24 - Cropland Soil Health Management System	B000CPL24	F
Diversify crop rotation with canola or sunflower to provide benefits to pollinators	E328M	F
Resource conserving crop rotation	E328A	F
Improved resource conserving crop rotation	E328B	F
Conservation crop rotation on recently converted CRP grass/legume cover	E328C	F
Soil health crop rotation	E328E	F
Modifications to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter	E328F	F
Crop rotation on recently converted CRP grass/legume cover for soil organic matter improvement	E328G	F
Conservation crop rotation to reduce the concentration of salts	E328H	F
Forage harvest to reduce water quality impacts by utilization of excess soil nutrients	E328I	F
Improved crop rotation to provide benefits to pollinators	E328J	F
No till to reduce soil erosion	E329A	F
Silvopasture to improve wildlife habitat	E381A	F
Installing electrical fence offsets and wire for cross-fencing to improve grazing management	E382B	F
Biochar production from woody residue	E384A	F
Enhanced field borders to reduce soil erosion along the edge(s) of a field	E386A	F
No till to reduce tillage induced particulate matter	E329B	F
No till to increase plant-available moisture	E329C	F
No till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content	E329D	F
No till to reduce energy	E329E	F
Controlled traffic farming to reduce compaction	E334A	F
Strategically planned, patch burning for grazing distribution and wildlife habitat	E338A	F
Short-interval burns to promote a healthy herbaceous plant community	E338B	F
Sequential patch burning	E338C	F
Cover crop to reduce soil erosion	E340A	F
Intensive cover cropping to increase soil health and soil organic matter content	E340B	F
Use of multi-species cover crops to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter	E340C	F
Install variable frequency drive(s) on pump(s)	E374A	F
Switch fuel source for pump motor(s)	E374B	F
Intensive orchard/vineyard floor cover cropping to increase soil health	E340D	F
Use of soil health assessment to assist with development of cover crop mix to improve soil health	E340E	F
Cover crop to minimize soil compaction	E340F	F

Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Cover crop to reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excess soil nutrients	E340G	F
Cover crop to suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles	E340H	F
Using cover crops for biological strip till	E340I	F
Reduced tillage to reduce soil erosion	E345A	F
Reduced tillage to reduce tillage induced particulate matter	E345B	F
Reduced tillage to increase plant-available moisture	E345C	F
Reduced tillage to increase soil health and soil organic matter content	E345D	F
Reduced tillage to reduce energy use	E345E	F
Intermediate IWM - Year 1, Equipment with Soil or Water Level monitoring	E449F	F
Reduce risks of nutrient loss to surface water by utilizing precision agriculture technologies	E590B	F
Mulching with natural materials in specialty crops for weed control	E484C	F
Enhanced field borders to increase carbon storage along the edge(s) of the field	E386B	F
Enhanced field borders to decrease particulate emissions along the edge(s) of the field	E386C	F
Enhanced field borders to increase food for pollinators along the edge(s) of a field	E386D	F
Enhanced field borders to increase wildlife food and habitat along the edge(s) of a field	E386E	F
Increase riparian herbaceous cover width for sediment and nutrient reduction	E390A	F
Increase riparian herbaceous cover width to enhance wildlife habitat	E390B	F
Increase riparian forest buffer width for sediment and nutrient reduction	E391A	F
Increase stream shading for stream temperature reduction	E391B	F
Increase riparian forest buffer width to enhance wildlife habitat	E391C	F
Extend existing filter strip to reduce water quality impacts	E393A	F
Stream habitat improvement through placement of woody biomass	E395A	F
Fishpond management for native aquatic and terrestrial species	E399A	F
Advanced Tailwater Recovery	E447A	F
Complete pumping plant evaluation for water savings	E449A	F
Advanced Automated IWM - Year 2-5, soil moisture monitoring	E449C	F
Advanced Automated IWM - Year 1, Equipment and soil moisture or water level monitoring	E449D	F
Intermediate IWM - Years 2-5, Soil or Water Level monitoring	E449G	F
Manage livestock access to waterbodies to reduce nutrients or pathogens to surface water	E472A	F
Mulching to improve soil health	E484A	F
Reduce particulate matter emissions by using orchard or vineyard generated woody materials as mulch	E484B	F
Harvest of crops (hay or small grains) using measures that allow desired species to flush or escape	E511A	F
Forage harvest management that helps maintain wildlife habitat cover, shelter or continuity	E511B	F
Cropland conversion to grass-based agriculture to reduce soil erosion	E512A	F
Forage and biomass planting to reduce soil erosion or increase organic matter to build soil health	E512B	F
Cropland conversion to grass for soil organic matter improvement	E512C	F

Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Forage plantings that help increase organic matter in depleted soils	E512D	F
Forage and biomass planting that produces feedstock for biofuels or energy production.	E512E	F
Establishing native grass or legumes in forage base to improve the plant community	E512F	F
Native grasses or legumes in forage base	E512G	F
Grazing management that improves monarch butterfly habitat	E528B	F
Stockpiling cool season forage to improve structure and composition or plant productivity and health	E528F	F
Forage plantings that enhance bird habitat cover and shelter or structure and composition	E512H	F
Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect and/or monarch habitat	E512I	F
Establish wildlife corridors to provide habitat continuity or access to water	E512J	F
Maintaining quantity and quality of forage for animal health and productivity	E528A	F
Incorporating wildlife refuge areas in contingency plans for wildlife.	E528C	F
Grazing management for improving quantity and quality of food or cover and shelter for wildlife	E528D	F
Improved grazing management on pasture for plant productivity and health with monitoring activities	E528G	F
Prescribed grazing to improve/maintain riparian and watershed function-elevated water temperature	E528H	F
Grazing management that protects sensitive areas -surface or ground water from nutrients	E528I	F
Prescribed grazing on pastureland that improves riparian and watershed function	E528J	F
Improved grazing management for soil compaction on pasture through monitoring activities	E528K	F
Prescribed grazing that improves or maintains riparian and watershed function-erosion	E528L	F
Grazing management that protects sensitive areas from gully erosion	E528M	F
Enhanced rain garden for wildlife	E570A	F
Stream crossing elimination	E578A	F
Stream corridor bank stability improvement	E580A	F
Stream corridor bank vegetation improvement	E580B	F
Clipping mature forages to set back vegetative growth for improved forage quality	E528O	F
Implementing Bale or Swath Grazing to increase organic matter and reduce nutrients in surface water	E528P	F
Use of body condition scoring for livestock on a monthly basis to keep track of herd health	E528Q	F
Advanced Pumping Plant Automation	E533A	F
Complete pumping plant evaluation for energy savings	E533B	F
Improving nutrient uptake efficiency and reducing risk of nutrient losses	E590A	F
Improving nutrient uptake efficiency and reducing risk of nutrient losses on pasture	E590C	F
Reduce risk of pesticides in surface water by utilizing precision pesticide application techniques	E595A	F
Reduce risk of pesticides in water and air by utilizing IPM PAMS techniques	E595B	F
Existing Activity Payment-Land Use	E300EAP1	F
Existing Activity Payment-Resource Concern	E300EAP2	F
Increase the size requirement of refuges planted to slow pest resistance to Bt crops	E595D	F

Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Cropland conversion to trees or shrubs for long term improvement of water quality	E612A	F
Planting for high carbon sequestration rate	E612B	F
Establishing tree/shrub species to restore native plant communities	E612C	F
Adding food-producing trees and shrubs to existing plantings	E612D	F
Cultural plantings	E612E	F
Sugarbush management	E612F	F
Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food	E612G	F
Restoration of sensitive coastal vegetative communities	E643A	F
Restoration and management of rare or declining habitat	E643B	F
Managing Flood-Irrigated Landscapes for Wildlife	E644A	F
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	P
YEAR 1 Irrigated Cropland (MRBI/Ogallala)	B000CPL10	F
YEAR 2+ Irrigated Cropland (MRBI/Ogallala)	B000CPL11	F
Non-Irrigated Precision Ag (MRBI)	B000CPL12	F
Non-Irrigated Cropland (MRBI)	B000CPL13	F
YEAR 1 Irrigated Precision Ag Cropland (MRBI)	B000CPL14	F
Non-Irrigated Cropland with Water Bodies Riparian Forest Buffer (MRBI)	B000CPL17	F
Grazing Bundle 1 - Range and Pasture	B000GRZ1	F
Grazing Bundle 2 - Range and Pasture	B000GRZ2	F
Grazing Bundle 3 - Range and Pasture	B000GRZ3	F
Grazing Bundle 4 - Range and Pasture	B000GRZ4	F
Grazing Bundle 5 - Range and Pasture	B000GRZ5	F
Pasture Bundle 5	B000PST5	F
Crop Bundle #18 - Precision Ag	B000CPL18	F
Intermediate IWM - Years 2 -5, using soil moisture or water level monitoring	E449H	F
YEAR 2+ Irrigated Precision Ag Cropland (MRBI)	B000CPL15	F
Non-Irrigated Cropland with Water Bodies (MRBI)	B000CPL16	F
Crop Bundle #19 - Soil Health Precision Ag	B000CPL19	F
Crop Bundle #20 - Soil Health Assessment	B000CPL20	F
Crop Bundle #21 - Crop Bundle (Organic)	B000CPL21	F
Crop Bundle #22 - Erosion Bundle (Organic)	B000CPL22	F
On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility	319	P
Structures for Wildlife	649	P
Establish pollinator habitat	E420A	F
Establish monarch butterfly habitat	E420B	F
Controlled Traffic Farming	334	P
Forest Bundle#1	B000FST1	F

Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Longleaf Pine Bundle#1	B000LLP1	F
Longleaf Pine Bundle#2	B000LLP2	F
Longleaf Pine Bundle#3	B000LLP3	F
Incorporating "wildlife friendly" fencing for connectivity of wildlife food resources	E382A	F
Brush Management	314	P
Deep Tillage	324	P
Conservation Cover	327	P
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	P
Prescribed Burning	338	P
Cover Crop	340	P
Critical Area Planting	342	P
Pond	378	P
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	380	P
Fence	382	P
Field Border	386	P
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	P
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	P
Filter Strip	393	P
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	P
Aquatic Organism Passage	396	P
Fishpond Management	399	P
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	P
Grassed Waterway	412	P
Hedgerow Planting	422	P
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	P
Sprinkler System	442	P
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	443	P
Irrigation Water Management	449	P
Land Smoothing	466	P
Access Control	472	P
Mulching	484	P
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	P
Forage Harvest Management	511	P
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	P
Livestock Pipeline	516	P
Pumping Plant	533	P
Row Arrangement	557	P

Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Roof Runoff Structure	558	P
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	P
Stormwater Runoff Control	570	P
Spring Development	574	P
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	P
Structure for Water Control	587	P
Nutrient Management	590	P
Pest Management Conservation System	595	P
Subsurface Drain	606	P
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	P
Watering Facility	614	P
Underground Outlet	620	P
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	P
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	P
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	P
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	P
Forest Trails and Landings	655	P
Tree/Shrub Pruning	660	P
Forest Stand Improvement	666	P
Longleaf Pine Bundle #4	B000LLP4	F
Longleaf Pine Bundle #5	B000LLP5	F
Prescribed Grazing	528	P
Stream Crossing	578	P
Silvopasture	381	P
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	329	P
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345	P
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	P
Irrigation Pipeline	430	P
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	P
Farmstead Energy Improvement	374	P
Buffer Bundle#1	B000BFF1	F
Brush management to improve wildlife habitat	E314A	F
Herbaceous weed treatment to create plant communities consistent with the ecological site	E315A	F
Conservation cover for pollinators and beneficial insects	E327A	F
Establish Monarch butterfly habitat	E327B	F
Leave standing grain crops unharvested to benefit wildlife	E328D	F
Multiple crop types to benefit wildlife	E328K	F


Practice	Practice Code	Practice Type
Restore glade habitat to benefit threatened and endangered species and state species of concern	E643C	F
Reduction of attractants to human-subsidized predators in sensitive wildlife species habitat	E645A	F
Manage existing shrub thickets to provide adequate shelter for wildlife	E645B	F
Close structures to capture and retain rainfall for waterfowl and wading bird winter habitat	E646A	F
Extend retention of captured rainfall for migratory waterfowl and wading bird late winter habitat	E646B	F
Manipulate vegetation and maintain closed structures for shorebirds mid-summer habitat	E646C	F
Manipulate vegetation and maintain closed structures for shorebird late summer habitat	E646D	F
Manipulate vegetation on fields with captured rainfall for waterfowl & wading bird winter habitat	E647A	F
Provide early successional shorebird habitat between first crop and ratoon crop	E647B	F
Maintain most soil vegetation on cropland edges to enhance waterfowl and shorebird habitat	E647C	F
Establish and maintain early successional habitat in ditches and bank borders	E647D	F
Edge feathering for wildlife cover	E645C	F
Maintaining and improving forest soil quality	E666A	F
Crop tree management for mast production	E666I	F
Snags, den trees, and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat	E666O	F
Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species	E666P	F
Forest management to enhance understory vegetation	E666D	F
Reduce height of the forest understory to limit wildfire risk	E666E	F
Reduce forest stand density to create open stand structure	E666F	F
Reduce forest density and manage understory along roads to limit wildfire risk and improve habitat	E666G	F
Increase on-site carbon storage	E666H	F
Facilitating oak forest regeneration	E666J	F
Creating structural diversity with patch openings	E666K	F
Forest Stand Improvement to rehabilitate degraded hardwood stands	E666L	F
Increase diversity in pine plantation monocultures	E666Q	F
Forest songbird habitat maintenance	E666R	F
Management Intensive Rotational Grazing	E528R	F
Improved grazing management for enhanced plant structure and composition for wildlife	E528E	F

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Adjustment (A)	5	5	10
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (C)	35	40	50
Resource Priorities	Default	15	25	35

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Program Priorities	Default	15	20	35
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

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 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant self-certify as a beginning farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the majority of the land in the assessment in Connecticut	Majority of operation is in CT	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	20
	NO	--
Select One At the time of application, the applicant meets	8 State Priority Resource Concern Categories on all land uses in the operation	85
	6 - 7 State Priority Resource Concern Categories on all land uses in the operation	75
	4 - 5 State Priority Resource Concern Categories on all land uses in the operation	50
	2 - 3 State Priority Resource Concern Categories on all land uses in the operation	25
	Otherwise	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select One By the end of the contract, the applicant will implement additional conservation activities across the operation that allows the producer to	Exceed the stewardship threshold for more than 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two land uses.	90
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2 - 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two land uses.	80
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for one additional resource concern category on at least two land uses.	70
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for more than 3 additional resource concern categories on one land use.	60
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2 - 3 additional resource concern categories on one land use.	50
	Meet the stewardship threshold for 2 - 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two land uses.	40
	Meet the stewardship threshold for one additional resource concern category on at least two land uses.	30
	Meet the stewardship threshold for 2 - 3 additional resource concern categories on only one land use.	20
	otherwise	0
Is the applicant a covered producer participating in the CRP-TIP and NRCS is evaluating the assessment during the two-year period covered by the CRP-1R?	YES	5
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resources Questions-cropland

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select One A Forest Stand Improvement (666) conservation activity will be implemented	75 - 100% of applicable forested acres	100
	50 - 74.9% of applicable forested acres	75
	25 - 49.9% of applicable forested acres	50
	otherwise	0
Wildlife activities will be implemented to benefit:	Identified species which are threatened, endangered or species of concern according to CT NDDB	100
	Participant identified species which are not on CT NDDB	50
	otherwise	0