

**Resource Questions (200 Points)**

Local ranking questions can be entered below.

**NO CHANGES FROM FY2022 RANKING QUESTIONS****POINTS**

Ground Water Quality. Please answer yes to one question from Questions 1, 2 or3.

1. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater be addressed when the level of nitrates in monitoring wells (as noted at the time of application deadline) is greater than 20 ppm?

**75**

2. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater be addressed when the level of nitrates in monitoring wells (as noted at the time of application deadline) is between 10-20 ppm?

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3. Will the resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Groundwater be addressed when the level of nitrates in monitoring wells (as noted at the time of application deadline) is between 0-9.9 ppm?

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Surface Water Quality. Please answer yes to either Question 4 or 5.

4. Please answer yes to either Question 4 or 5. Is the distance to surface water (Playa Lake) less than 1320 feet, and will one or more practices be included in the contract to mitigate surface water pollution and address the priority resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Surface Water?

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5. Is the distance to surface water (Playa Lake) greater than 1320 feet, and will one or more practices be included in the contract to mitigate surface water pollution and address the priority resource concern Water Quality Degradation: Nutrients in Surface Water?

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Please answer the following questions.

6. Will install practices that address the priority resource concern Inefficient Energy Use – Equipment and Facilities?

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7. Will contract address the priority resource concern Water Quality Degradation by installing practices that protect the aquifer?

**40****TOTAL****200**

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1. Select one from question 1 or 2. Will this application address a priority resource concern and result in acreage being seeded to native grass (not a conversion)?	40
2. Will this application address a priority resource concern and result in acreage converted to native grass rangeland?	30
3. Select one from question 3 or 4. Will this application address a priority resource concern and result in the application of a multi species cover crop with 3 or more planned species as part of a conservation system?	30
4. Will this application address a priority resource concern and result in the application of a multi species cover crop with only 2 species as part of a conservation system?	10
5. Will this application address the priority resource concern Soil Erosion – Sheet and Rill Erosion?	40
6. Will this application address a priority resource concern of Soil Erosion – Sheet, Rill & Wind Erosion, Soil Erosion- Concentrated Flow Erosion, Soil Quality Degradation – Organic Matter Depletion or Insufficient Water – Inefficient Moisture Management?	40
7. Will this application result in the installation of a field border, field windbreak, and or field buffers?	15
8. Will this application result in the installation of a conservation system that addresses soil health, system will include Cover Crop, Conservation Crop Rotation and/or Residue Management?	30
9. Will this application address a resource concern that will benefit a playa?	5
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1. Select Question #1, 2, 3, or 4. Will a practice be implemented on 75-100% of the affected acres that addresses Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition?	50
2. Will a practice be implemented on 50-75% of the affected acres that addresses Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition?	25
3. Will a practice be implemented on 25-50% of the affected acres that addresses Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition?	15
4. Will a practice be implemented on <25% of the affected acres that addresses Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition?	5
5. Will the application address Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition as evaluated per planning criteria Ecological Site Description and brush species mesquite and/or shinney oak is greater than the ESD?	30
6. Will new practices that address the priority resource concern Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Water be included in this contract?	75
7. Select Questions #7, 8, or 9. Will this application address a priority resource concern by installing practices that allows the applicant to facilitate a rotational grazing system? Will at least 50% of the installed practices in the contract be newly located?	20
8. Will this application address a priority resource concern by installing practices that allows the applicant to facilitate a rotational grazing system? Will at less than 50% of the installed practices in the contract be newly located?	10
9. Will this application address a priority resource concern by installing practices that allows the applicant to facilitate a rotational grazing system? Will only a non-functioning practice be rebuilt?	5
10. Will practices that address the priority resource concern Degraded Plant Condition be included in this contract?	5
11. Will this application address the priority resource concern Soil Erosion (practices such as diversion, etc.)?	15
12. Will this application address a resource concern that directly benefits a Playa?	5
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Only answer yes to one question from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (if applicable).

1. Will the proposed contract include a practice to establish and maintain herbaceous cover by converting irrigated cropland to rangeland and will include removal of the irrigated cropland system? Herbaceous cover will be established on all acres within an irrigated field as determined by the FSA CLU layer and the irrigation system is currently producing more than 4.0 gal/min/ac.	130
2. Will the proposed contract include a practice to establish and maintain herbaceous cover by converting irrigated cropland to rangeland and will include removal of the irrigated cropland system? Herbaceous cover will be established on all acres and the irrigation system is currently producing between 3.0 and 3.9 gal/min/ac.	100
3. Will the proposed contract include a practice to establish and maintain herbaceous cover by converting irrigated cropland to rangeland and will include removal of the irrigated cropland system? Herbaceous cover will be established on all acres and the irrigation system is currently producing between 2.0 and 2.9 gal/min/ac.	80
4. Will the proposed contract include a practice to establish and maintain herbaceous cover that addresses Insufficient Water? Herbaceous cover will be established on all acres within an irrigated field as determined by the FSA CLU layer and the irrigation system is currently producing more than 4.0 gal/min/ac.	80
5. Will the proposed contract include a practice to establish and maintain herbaceous cover that addresses Insufficient Water? Herbaceous cover will be established on all acres within an irrigated field as determined by the FSA CLU layer and the irrigation system is currently producing between 2.0 and 3.9 gal/min/ac.	60
6. Will the proposed contract include a practice that addresses Insufficient Water converting irrigated cropland to a dry cropland rotation, the irrigation system is currently producing more than 2.0 gal/min/ac.	40
7. Select Question #7, 8, 9 or 10. Will this application address the resource concern Insufficient Water – Inefficient use of Irrigation Water by converting or improving the current irrigation system to a more water efficient irrigation system as evaluated utilizing FIRI and the irrigation system is currently producing more than 5.0 gal/min/ac?	40
8. Will this application address the resource concern Insufficient Water – Inefficient use of Irrigation Water by converting or improving the current irrigation system to a more water efficient irrigation system as evaluated utilizing FIRI and the irrigation system is currently producing 4.5 – 4.99 gal/min/ac?	30
9. Will this application address the resource concern Insufficient Water – Inefficient use of Irrigation Water by converting or improving the current irrigation system to a more water efficient irrigation system as evaluated utilizing FIRI and the irrigation system is currently producing 4.0 - 4.49 gal/min/ac?	20
10. Will this application address the resource concern Insufficient Water – Inefficient use of Irrigation Water by converting or improving the current irrigation system to a more water efficient irrigation system as evaluated utilizing FIRI and the irrigation system is currently producing 3.0 to 3.99 gal/min/ac?	10
<b>Please answer each question below.</b>	
11. Will this application address one of the following priority resource concerns: Soil Erosion – Wind, Sheet & Rill or Soil Quality Degradation – Organic Matter Depletion by installing practices that improve Soil Health?	20
12. Will this application address a resource concern that will benefit a playa?	10
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1. Will the proposed project include a High Tunnel System (325)?	<b>100</b>
2. Will the proposed project improve habitat for pollinators by contracting vegetative practices that are designed to provide food resources for pollinators and beneficial insects?	<b>20</b>
3. Does the Conservation Plan include practices that will increase the diversity of plants on the land unit, for example, Conservation Cover (327), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Cover Crop (340), Filter Strip (393) and/or Hedgerow Planting (422)?	<b>20</b>
4. Will the proposed project include a Roof Runoff Structure (558) to reduce water use from the Ogallala Aquifer?	<b>40</b>
5. Will the proposed project include a Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (380)?	<b>20</b>
	<b>200</b>