

Ranking Pools	Applicability	Explanation	Points
Agland- Renewal- NM	Is most of the land in the operation located in New Mexico?	The contract will be administered by NM if the majority of the land is located in the state. If some of the land in the operation is located in an adjoining state it must be included in the contract with NM.	0
Agland-Renewal -BFR	Did the applicant self-certify as a beginning farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, "Conservation Program Application?" (Yes = applicable; No = not applicable)	Self-certification at the time of application is sufficient to rank in the BFR funding pool. NM may require documentation to support the BFR self-certification prior to obligation.	0
Agland- Renewal-SD	Did the applicant self-certify as a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher on the NRCS-CPA-1200, "Conservation Program Application?" (Yes = applicable; No = not applicable)	Self-certification at the time of application is sufficient to rank in the SD funding pool. Additional documentation is not required.	0

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Agland-Renewal Agland-Renewal- BFR Agland-Renewal- SD	Is the application eligible for renewal?	Eligible if original contract expires December 31, 2021 Renewal funded as 2017-Renewals Classic applications funded in 2017-1 RCPP-CSP	0

Ranking Pools	Program Questions	Explanation	Total 200 points
All	What percent of the operation will have an activity scheduled with this application? a. 100% b. 75%-99% c. 50- 74% d. 25- 49% e. 10- 24% f. less than 10%	Priority is given to applications that will implement more conservation.	a. 100 b. 80 c. 60 d. 40 e. 20 f. 0
All	Will an activity be contracted in a source water priority area?	An agency goal is to provide at least 10% of financial assistance to activities that protect drinking water sources. NRCS determined source water protection areas are used.	If yes, 75 points
Agland-Renewal- BFR Agland- Renewal- SD	Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	Priority is given to applicants who meet the definition of VFR only in the fund accounts for BFR and SD.	If yes, 20 points
Agland-Renewal- BFR Agland- Renewal- SD	Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and land included in the CSP application has come out of CRP within the last two years? (Yes/No) (5 to 20 pts)	Between 5-20 points must be given for this criteria.	If yes, 5 points

Ranking Pools	Resource Questions	Explanation	Points allocated. Total 200 points
All	<p>What is the number of years a priority activity (<b>practice or enhancement</b>) listed below is scheduled? The answer is based on the land use with the most years scheduled. The priority activity for rangeland is Prescribed Grazing (528), cropland is Cover Crop (340), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), No-till (329), Reduced tillage (345); and pasture is Prescribed Grazing (528) and Forage Harvest Management (511). For all land uses Integrated Pest Management Conservation System (595) is a priority activity</p> <p>a. For 3 or more years, can be different enhancements of the same practice  b. For 2 years, can be different enhancements of the same practice  c. One year.  d. None planned</p>	<p>Management practices usually take a few years of implementation to achieve results and to fine-tune the necessary management skills. More ranking points are awarded the more years a priority activity is contracted, but it does not have to be contracted on the same footprint each year. The activity can be a practice or enhancement and can be different enhancements of the same base practice.</p>	<p>a. 75  b. 50  c. 25  d. 0</p>
All	<p>Does a planned practice complement an existing system and add a higher level of conservation? Ex: such as a Prescribed Grazing enhancement on a field where the Prescribed Grazing (528) practice is already being implemented?</p>	<p>Added benefits from higher levels of conservation management will lead to more resource concerns being met</p>	<p>If Yes, 10 points</p>
All	<p>Will all practices or enhancements be scheduled for adoption by year 3?</p>	<p>The longer a practice or enhancement is incorporated into the management system the longer the producer has to fine tune their managerial skills and the more benefit it will have on the overall operation.</p>	<p>If yes, 10 points</p>
All	<p>Will habitat for pollinators be improved with an activity that establishes pollinator plants or that specifically addresses pollinator habitat (such as prescribed grazing for monarch butterflies)?</p>	<p>Pollinator habitat can be improved on any land use. The activity must directly address pollinator habitat.</p>	<p>If yes, 15 points</p>
All	<p>Will habitat for wildlife, not for beneficial insects/pollinators, be improved with an enhancement that specifically addresses wildlife habitat (such as prescribed grazing for wildlife refuge area)? This does not include fence and trough improvements.</p>	<p>Only enhancements, not practices, that directly address wildlife habitat can be considered. The 645 practice by itself does not usually result in much change in the habitat condition for wildlife so enhancements must be selected for this question.</p>	<p>If yes, 15 points</p>

All	<p>Will existing fence be retrofitted at key crossing areas to meet the NRCS requirement for wildlife friendly fence (CPS 382)?</p> <p>a. At least 900 feet if total fence is more than a mile or at least 75% of total fence if total fence is a mile or less</p> <p>b. At least 600 feet if total fence is more than a mile or at least 50% of total fence if total fence is a mile or less</p> <p>c. At least 300 feet if total fence is more than a mile or at least 25% of total fence if total fence is a mile or less</p> <p>d. Less than 300 feet if total fence is more than a mile or less than 25% of total fence if total fence is a mile or less. No points.</p>	<p>Priority is given to applications that will implement more conservation. The practice standard for fence requires at least 100 yards of wildlife friendly fence for connectivity. This may not be achievable on small acreage.</p>	<p>a. 10</p> <p>b. 8</p> <p>c. 6</p> <p>d. 0</p>
All	<p>Will existing troughs be retrofitted with an escape ramp to reduce mortality of wildlife? This is not permissible on troughs where NRCS funding has already been provided in CSP or EQIP?</p> <p>a. On 100% of troughs that do not have escape ramps?</p> <p>b. On 75-99% of the troughs that do not have escape ramps?</p> <p>c. On 50-74% of the troughs that do not have escape ramps?</p> <p>d. On less than 50% of the troughs that do not have functional escape ramps OR <b>all troughs have suitable escape ramps</b>. No points.</p>	<p>Priority is given to applications that will implement more conservation. At least half of the troughs must be retrofitted to earn points (<b>the 649 practice must be contracted</b>). To be functional the escape ramps do not need to meet NRCS standards but must serve the intended goal of allowing wildlife to safely escape from drowning.</p>	<p>a. 5</p> <p>b. 3</p> <p>c. 1</p> <p>d. 0</p>
All	<p>Will a cover crop enhancement be adopted?</p>	<p>Cover crops are best included as a system with other practices such as crop rotation, conservation cover and filter strips. The diversity of plant species can be adapted to address species concerns on the land unit such as compaction or wind erosion.</p>	<p>If yes, 15 points</p>
<p>Cropland and Pasture Conditional Questions</p>			
If crop and pasture are included in the operation	<p>At the time of application, for only crop and pasture land uses, how many State priority resource concerns categories (SPRCC) are met on the land use with the most amount of resource concerns met?</p> <p>a. 3 or more SPRCC on crop or pasture (one with the most)</p> <p>b. 2 SPRCC on crop or pasture (one with the most)</p> <p>c. 1 SPRCC on crop or pasture (one with the most)</p> <p>d. 0 SPRCC on crop or pasture (one with the most)</p>		<p>a. 25</p> <p>b. 20</p> <p>c. 15</p> <p>d. 0</p>

If crop and pasture are included in the operation	<p>by the end of the contract, for crop and pasture land uses, how many SPRCC will go from not met to met and from met to exceeded on the best performing land use?</p> <p>a. 4 or more SPRCC (crop or pasture with the most) go from not met to met and met to exceeded</p> <p>b. 3 SPRCC (crop or pasture with the most) go from not met to met and met to exceeded</p> <p>c. 2 SPRCC (crop or pasture with the most) go from not met to met and met to exceeded</p> <p>d. 1 SPRCC (crop or pasture with the most) go from not met to met and met to</p>	<p>a. 25</p> <p>b. 20</p> <p>c. 15</p> <p>d. 10</p> <p>e. 0</p>
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Rangeland Conditional Questions

If rangeland is part of the operation	<p>At the time of application, how many State priority resource concerns categories (SPRCC) are met on rangeland?</p> <p>a. 5 or more SPRCC</p> <p>b. 4 SPRCC</p> <p>c. 3 SPRCC</p> <p>d. 2 SPRCC</p> <p>e. 1 or no SPRCC</p>	<p>a. 25</p> <p>b. 20</p> <p>c. 15</p> <p>d. 10</p> <p>e. 0</p>
If rangeland is part of the operation	<p>By the end of the contract, how many State priority resource concerns on rangeland will go from not met to met and from met to exceeded?</p> <p>a. 6 or more SPRCC on range (total of not met to met and met to exceeded)</p> <p>b. 5 SPRCC on range</p> <p>c. 4 SPRCC on range</p> <p>d. 3 SPRCC on range</p> <p>e. 2 SPRCC on range</p> <p>f. 1 or none SPRCC on range</p>	<p>a. 25</p> <p>b. 20</p> <p>c. 15</p> <p>d. 10</p> <p>e. 5</p> <p>f. 0</p>