

# Ranking Pool Report

**Ranking Pool:** ACEP-ALE General FY24

**Program:** ACEP

**Pool Status:** Active

**States:** FL (Admin)

**Template:** ACEP-ALE General (Program Agreements)

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## Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Developed Land	N/A	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

## Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Concentrated erosion	0	2	30
Degraded plant condition	0	3	50
Field pesticide loss	0	2	20
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	2	50
Livestock production limitation	0	3	50
Long term protection of land	40	75	75
Pest pressure	0	3	20
Salt losses to water	0	2	20
Soil quality limitations	0	2	50
Source water depletion	0	2	40
Storage and handling of pollutants	0	2	40

## Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wind and water erosion	0	2	40

## Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	20	100
Classic gully erosion	0	40	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	40	100

## 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	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	20	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	20	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	20	100
Sediment transported to surface water	0	20	100

## Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	40	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	15	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	45	100

## Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Threat of conversion	100	100	100

## Pest pressure

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

## Salt losses to water

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

## Soil quality limitations

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	15	100
Compaction	0	15	100
Concentration of salts or other chemicals	0	15	100
Organic matter depletion	0	20	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	20	100
Subsidence	0	15	100

## Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	0	35	100
Inefficient irrigation water use	0	35	100
Surface water depletion	0	30	100

## Storage and handling of pollutants

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water	0	25	100

## Wind and water erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Sheet and rill erosion	0	50	100
Wind erosion	0	50	100


## Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements

## Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	5	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	45	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	45	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

## Display Group: Florida ACEP-ALE General FY24 Display Group (Active)

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

## Survey: Florida ALE Applicability Questions FY24

Section: FL ALE Applicability Question FY24		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the offered land an Eligible Land Type based on Title 440-528.33?	YES	--
	NO	--

## Survey: Florida ALE Category Questions FY24

Section: FL ALE Category Questions FY24		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the offered land located in Florida?	YES	--
	NO	--

## Survey: Florida ALE Program Questions - National Ranking Criteria FY24

## Section: FL National Ranking Criteria FY24

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percent of prime, unique, and important soils in the parcel to be protected:	Greater than 80 percent	20
	Greater than 70 percent and less than or equal to 80 percent	15
	Greater than 60 percent and less than or equal to 70 percent	10
	Greater than 50 percent and less than or equal to 60 percent	5
	50 percent or less	0
Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected:	33 percent or less	0
	Greater than 33 percent and less than or equal to 40 percent	5
	Greater than 40 percent and less than or equal to 90 percent	10
	Greater than 90 percent	20
Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture:	Ratio of 1 or less	0
	Ratio of greater than 1.0 and less than or equal to 2.0	7
	Ratio of greater than 2.0	15
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture:	Decrease of 0 percent or less	0
	Decrease of greater than 0 and less than or equal to 5 percent	1
	Decrease of greater than 5 and less than or equal to 10 percent	5
	Decrease of greater than 10 and less than or equal to 15 percent	10
	Decrease of more than 15 percent	15
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture:	Decrease of 0 percent or less	0
	Decrease of greater than 0 and less than or equal to 5 percent	3
	Decrease of greater than 5 and less than or equal to 10 percent	5
	Decrease of greater than 10 and less than or equal to 15 percent	10
	Decrease of more than 15 percent	15
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census:	Growth rate of less than one times the State growth rate	0
	Growth rate of 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 more than three times the State growth rate	15

## Section: FL National Ranking Criteria FY24

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census:	Population density less than one times the State population density	0
	Population density of greater than one and less than or equal to two times the State population density	4
	Population density of greater than two and less than or equal to three times the State population density	7
	Population density of greater than 3 times the State population density	15
Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations:	No plan	0
	Plan documented and performed by industry professional	5
What is the proximity of the parcel to be protected to other protected land, such as (1) military installations; (2) 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 (3) land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to non-agricultural uses or protects grazing uses and related conservation values?	Parcel boundary adjoins a protected land boundary.	15
	Parcel is within one (1) mile of a protected land boundary.	7
	Parcel is within three (3) miles of a protected land boundary.	4
	Parcel is greater than three (3) miles from a protected land boundary.	0
What is the proximity of the parcel to be protected to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure:	Parcel boundary adjoins the boundary of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	15
	Parcel is within one (1) mile of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	7
	Parcel is within three (3) miles of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	4
	Parcel is greater than three (3) miles from an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	0
Parcel's ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use:	Parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of protected agricultural land.	15
	Parcel is a contiguous or proximal expansion of agricultural use protected area	6
	Parcel does not increase a protected agricultural area.	0
The parcel is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within a year:	YES	5
	NO	0
The parcel to be protected is a grassland of special environmental significance (GSS) with score over 40 on GSS worksheet that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement:	YES	25
	NO	0
Percent of the fair market value is the eligible entity's own cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner AND comes from sources other than the landowner:	Entity is contributing equal to or more than 50% of its own cash resources.	5
	Entity is contributing less than 50% of its own cash resources.	0

## Survey: Florida ALE Resource Questions- State Ranking Criteria FY24

## Section: FL State Ranking Criteria FY24

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The parcel is in an area zoned for agricultural use based on current property appraiser records:	YES	1
	NO	0
Eligible entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements and completes annual monitoring on 10 or more easements annually:	10 or more easements	10
	5-9 easements	5
	less than 5 easements	0
State-specific factors for grasslands of special environmental significance. Use attached Appendix A -GSS Supplemental Worksheet to determine points:	61-75	75
	46-60	60
	31-45	40
	16-30	20
	0-15	0
Parcel has known populations of State or Federal T & E animal species or State species of concern, or parcel is located within Federal T & E designated Critical Habitat for a T& E species. (The Agricultural Land Easement Plan must address the T & E species, Critical Habitat, or State Species of Concern to at least maintain or improve habitat for the species.) Number of species:	5 or more	25
	2-4	15
	1	5
	0	0
Geographic region where the enrollment of lands may help achieve National, State, and regional conservation goals and objectives, or enhance existing government or private conservation projects:	YES	8
	NO	--
Parcel shows evidence of agricultural viability (access to markets and infrastructure):	YES	1
	NO	--
Measures that will be used to maintain or increase agricultural viability, such as succession plans, agricultural land easement plans (not including required highly erodible (HEL) conservation plans), or entity deed terms that specifically address long-term agricultural viability. Select all that apply:	An active conservation plan written within the last five years	10
	Entity will create or update agricultural land easement plan prior to closing	20
Social, cultural, economic, or scenic benefits:	Agricultural products are sold for consumption in local or regional markets	5
	Farm or ranch is within the watershed of a wild and scenic river	5
	None of the above	--
Historical or Archaeological Resources (select the one that applies with the highest value)	10 points if farm or ranch includes historical or archaeological sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places or sites formally determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the State or Tribal historic preservation officer.	10
	5 points if farm or ranch includes historical or archaeological sites in the process of listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the State or Tribal historic preservation officer.	5
	5 points if farm or ranch includes other significant historical or archaeological resources, e.g. Indian mounds are present on the property.	5
	0 points if none of the above, or insufficient information in the application.	0

**Section: FL State Ranking Criteria FY24**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Points</b>
Are landowners a historically underserved group, small scale farmer, limited resource landowner, new or beginning farmer or rancher or veteran landowner? USDA-NRCS Definitions and policy are to be used.	YES	30
	NO	0