

USDA Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: NY FY24 BF Pastureland

Program: EQIP

Pool Status: Active

States: NY (Admin)

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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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air quality emissions	0	5	100
Concentrated erosion	0	10	100
Degraded plant condition	0	20	100
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	10	100
Livestock production limitation	0	25	100
Pest pressure	0	10	100
Soil quality limitations	0	10	100
Source water depletion	0	10	100

Air quality emissions			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen	0	20	100
Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs	0	20	100
Emissions of ozone precursors	0	20	100
Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors	0	20	100
Objectionable odor	0	20	100

Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	30	100
Classic gully erosion	0	35	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	35	100

Degraded plant condition

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	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	50	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	50	100

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	100
Compaction	0	25	100
Organic matter depletion	0	25	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	25	100

Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
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Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	0	50	90
Surface water depletion	0	50	90

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Nutrient Management Design and Implementation Activity	157	Activities
Grazing Management Design	159	Activities
Feed and Forage Analysis	206	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	Activities
PFAS Testing in Water or Soil	209	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	Activities
Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment	218	Activities
Prescribed Grazing Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity	219	Activities
Soil Organic Carbon Stock Monitoring	221	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	Activities
Aquifer Flow Test	224	Activities
Brush Management	314	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	Conservation Practices
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	520	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Grazing	528	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	548	Conservation Practices
Access Road	560	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	Conservation Practices
Trails and Walkways	575	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	Conservation Practices
Feed Management	592	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	Conservation Practices
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638	Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	20	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	40	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	15	15
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 Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant self-certify as a beginning farmer on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application AND the application includes practices appropriate for the Pastureland Ranking Pool?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application located in NY?	Yes	--
	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	--
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	5
	NO	--
Does this application include a system of practices to address more than one resource concern on the planning unit(s)? Documentation must support at least one system addressing multiple resource concerns.	YES	25
	NO	--
Does this application include practices that address nutrient concerns in a watershed/aquifer with documented impairments related to agriculture? Resource concern is located in impaired waterbody in watershed (CD Hydrography category: pwl_a(or l)_ny_2018_DEC; 303d_Impaired_a(or l)_ny_EPA or above an identified aquifer area (CD Program Ranking category: NY Aquifers for Program Ranking)	YES	50
	NO	--
Will practices in this application support Climate Smart Agriculture by establishing permanent cover on previously tilled ground? Application must include a permanent seeding (327, 342, 420, or 512 on land currently in a tilled crop portion of the rotation).	YES	50
	NO	--
Does this application include exclusion of livestock for all hydrologically sensitive areas, such as: wetlands, streams, hydric soils, sink holes, etc.? Documentation must support at least one new buffered or exclusion area implemented through the contract and protection of all hydrologically sensitive areas by the end of the contract.	YES	50
	NO	--
Has the applicant had a Farm Bill 2018 contract terminated? Termination must be fully processed in Protracts to qualify.	YES	-56
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will all water quality concerns resulting from livestock holding/concentration be addressed or eliminated on the farming operation, through implementation of practices in this application? All abuse areas will be addressed through practices planned in the application and will not reoccur after implementation, as specified in the operation and maintenance.	YES	45
	NO	--

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
If installing fence to exclude livestock from a watercourse/waterbody (a lake, reservoir, pond, wetland, river, flowing stream [solid or dashed line on a topographic map]), how far from the top of bank will the fence be installed on all watercourse/waterbodies in the grazing system? There must be permanent vegetative cover between the fence and top of bank. You may answer Yes to only one of the following questions. Round answer to nearest foot. If there is no watercourse/waterbody to be excluded, select Not applicable. CD Other Category: Hydrography and any documented wetland.	Top of Bank to 14 feet average	-15
	15 feet - 34 feet	30
	35 feet or greater	40
	Not applicable	0
Pasture has a diverse mixture of grasses and legumes or has been reseeded within the last 5 years to a pasture seed mix. Documentation must be included in the case file.	YES	30
	NO	--
Will the farms grazing forage supply deficit be addressed with the addition of cover crop grazing to the pasture system, following a prescribed grazing plan? 528 is required. Not intended for cropland conversion to pasture.	YES	25
	NO	--
Do practices in this application address issues with plant health and productivity? Documentation must be included in the case file.	YES	25
	NO	--
Does this application include practices to eliminate unlimited livestock access from a NYSDEC classified stream? Answer is based on the highest level of stream excluded.	Class A or better	35
	Class B	30
	Class C(Ts)	25
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	Class C	15
	Not applicable	0