Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: FY24 Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative

Program: EQIP

Pool Status: Active

States: NM (Admin)

Template: Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (LPCI)

Template Status: Active

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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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Concentrated erosion	0	10	65
Degraded plant condition	10	15	65
Fire management	0	10	65
Livestock production limitation	0	20	65
Pest pressure	0	10	65
Terrestrial habitat	35	35	90

Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	40	100
Classic gully erosion	0	30	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	30	100

Degraded plant condition

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

Fire management

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

Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	40	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	20	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	40	100

Pest pressure

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

Terrestrial habitat

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

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Brush Management	314	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	Conservation Practices
Well Decommissioning	351	Conservation Practices
Pond	378	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Fence	382	Conservation Practices
Woody Residue Treatment	384	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	Conservation Practices
Obstruction Removal	500	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Grazing	528	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	Conservation Practices
Range Planting	550	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	Conservation Practices
Water Well	642	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	15	20	40
Planned Practice Effects	Default	10	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	50	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	5	15

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: FY24 Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative (Active)

ⓘ 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
Does the PLU intersect the national LPCI boundary layer?	Does the PLU intersect the national LPCI boundary layer?	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program State Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is there a documented active lek on or within 2 miles of the offered acres that will be under contract if approved? If the lek is located on the applicants operation they must be willing to share this information with NRCS in order to receive points.	YES	55
	NO	0
Will the offered acres include expired or expiring (this calendar year) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres that will be maintained, enhanced, and or established to LEPC habitat? These acres must be managed under practice 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	YES	45
	NO	0
Woody Invasives-Will the offered acres include treatment of woody vegetation to improve LEPC habitat?	YES	30
	NO	0
Conversion to LEPC Habitat- Will the contracted acres include cropland and/or non-cropland acres that will be converted to LEPC?	YES	40
	NO	0
Prescribed Burn-Will a Prescribed Burn Plan promoting LEPC habitat be applied under contract?	YES	30
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Habitat Priority		
Question	**Answer Choices**	**Points**
Does the PLU intersect a priority area(s) for conservation layer for LPCI? Please use State or National Specific LPCI Map Layer available to the State to determine areas 1-3. Only Choose one answer	Any PLU intersects priority 1 area	100
	Any PLU intersects priority 2 area	50
	Any PLU intersects priority 3 area	25
	No intersection of priority areas 1-3	15
Enrolled Acreage- What is the percentage of the range and pastureland associated with the operation that is contained in the conservation plan? Only choose one answer. Acreage must be greater than 0	All eligible range and pastureland is enrolled	50
	50% or more of eligible range and pastureland enrolled	25
	Less than 50% of eligible range and pastureland enrolled	15
	Not Applicable	0
Threats Addressed- Does the planned practices address threats that were identified for lesser prairie chicken? Use LPCI Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide for determination. At least one identified threat must be addressed.	All identified threats addressed	50
	75% or more of identified threats addressed	40
	50% or more of identified threats addressed	25
	Less than 50% of identified threats addressed	15