



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool ALE General_NM_FY2025

Program ACEP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template ACEP-ALE General (Program Agreements)

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Existing Practice Included No

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National Pool No

Include States NM (Admin)

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	5	30
Degraded plant condition	0	10	50
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	5	50
Livestock production limitation	0	10	50
Long term protection of land	40	55	75
Pest pressure	0	5	20
Source water depletion	0	5	40
Wind and water erosion	0	5	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 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

Source water depletion

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

Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Surface water depletion	0	30	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 Narratives	Practice Type
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search Update	LTAPERSU	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	00N	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	50	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	40	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

Display Group: ALE General_NM_FY2025 (Active)

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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: New Mexico ALE

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the majority of the land being entered in ALE program agreement located in New Mexico?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Program agreements

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Has the entity requested a program agreement for this application?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: National program questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the percent of prime, unique, and important farmland soils in the parcel to be protected as shown in Web Soil Survey?	81-100%	15
	71-80%	11
	61-70%	7
	51-60%	3
	Less than 51%	0
What is the percent of cropland, rangeland, grassland, historic grassland, pastureland, and nonindustrial private forest land in parcel to be protected?	97-100%	30
	93-96%	26
	90-93%	22
	80-89%	18
	Less than 80%	0
What is the 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? USDA NASS - 2017 Census, State Report, Table 8, https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/Online_Resources/County_Profiles/New_Mexico/index.php	more than 1	10
	0.8- 1.0	8
	0.5-0.79	6
	Less than 0.5	0
What is the 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? (USDA - NASS - 2017 Census of Agriculture, State report Table 8)?	10% or more decrease	30
	8.0-9.9% decrease	25
	6.0-7.9% decrease	20
	4.0-5.9% decrease	15
	Less than 4% decrease	0

Section: National program questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
What is the 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.(USDA - NASS - 2017 Census of Agriculture, State report Table 8)?	20% or more decrease	15
	10-19.9% decrease	10
	0-9.9% decrease	5
	No decrease	0
What is the percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census (Census Bureau Home Page)?	More than 4%	10
	2-4%	8
	0-1.9%	6
	Negative growth	0
What is the population density (population per square mile) as documented by the 2010 U.S. Census (Census Bureau Home Page)?	More than 100	20
	70-99	15
	40-69	10
	10-39	5
	less than 10	0
Is there a written farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations?	Yes, written by industry professional	8
	Yes, in place for at least 3 years	6
	Yes, in place at time of application.	4
	No written plan	0
What is the distance of the parcel to other protected land, such as compatible military installations; 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 land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values?	Proposed easement area is directly adjacent (touching along a shared boundary) to a protected land boundary.	40
	Proposed easement area is within a 1-mile radius of a protected land boundary	30
	Proposed easement area is greater than a 1-mile radius and less than a 2-mile radius of a protected land boundary	20
	Proposed easement area is greater than a 2-mile radius and less than a 5-mile radius of protected land boundary	10
	Proposed easement area is greater than a 5-mile radius of a protected land boundary	0
What is the distance of the parcel to other agricultural operations?	Adjacent on two or more sides	5
	Adjacent on one side	3
	Within one mile	1
	Farther than one mile	0
How does the parcel maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use?	Proposed easement area links two non-continuous corridors of agricultural use.	5
	Proposed easement area is a contiguous or proximal expansion of agricultural use area	2
	Proposed easement area does not increase an agricultural use area or is an isolated area of agriculture.	0

Section: National program questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the parcel contain land currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within one year and is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement or is land under a CRP contract that is in transition to a covered farmer or rancher pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 3835(f) ?	YES	5
	NO	0
What percent of the non-federal share of the agricultural land easement is from the eligible entity own cash resources for payment of easement purchase and procured costs?	At least 15% of easement FMV is from entity cash resources used for purchase or procured costs	4
	At least 10% of easement FMV is from entity cash resources	3
	At least 5% is from entity cash resources	2
	Less than 5% is from entity cash resources	0
Does the parcel contain land that is grassland of special environmental significance that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement?	YES	3
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: State criteria

Question	Answer Choices	Points
1. Is the parcel located in proximity to the Rio Grande, Pecos, Canadian, Gila or San Juan rivers?	Within or up to half mile away	40
	more than half and up to 1 mile away	30
	more than 1 and up to 3 miles away	20
	more than 3 and up to 5 miles away	10
	More than 5 miles away	0
2. Does the parcel have habitat areas with at least 51% cover of native plants that provide conservation benefits for at-risk species?	One or more habitat areas are present at the ratio of at least 0.5 contiguous acres for every 40 acres of enrolled area.	40
	One or more contiguous habitat areas are present, but the ratio is 0.5 contiguous acres for every 41-60 acres of enrolled area.	20
	No habitat areas are present, or the amount of contiguous habitat is at a ratio of 0.5 contiguous acres for every 61 or more of enrolled area.	0
3. Does the parcel contain surface water rights for irrigation?	The property has consumptive use water rights that could be severed and sold from the property without the conservation easement.	30
	The property has a surface water allocation that requires an annual payment to the irrigation district.	20
	The property does not have rights to surface water.	0
4. Is the parcel located in Valencia county?	YES	20
	NO	0

Section: State criteria		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
5. Does the parcel contain riparian habitat or perennial streams?	YES	25
	NO	0
6. Proposed easement boundary is located within:	Intersects a 1 mile buffer of Urban Area	20
	Intersects a Metropolitan Statistical Area	15
	Intersects a Micropolitan Statistical area	10
	Otherwise	0
7. Are landowners historically underserved (HU) participants by NRCS defined criteria and self-certified on the NRCS-CPA-41A parcel application as a: limited resource farmer or rancher, socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, or veteran farmer or rancher?	All owners meet USDA criteria for historically underserved.	25
	At least one owner meets USDA criteria for historically underserved if owned by more than one person or there is more than one member of an entity	20
	None of the owners meet USDA criteria for historically underserved.	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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