

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY26 ACEP-ALE General (Program Agreements)

Program ACEP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template ACEP-ALE (ProTracts)

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Existing Practice Included No

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National Pool No

Include States ND (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	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	50
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	--	40
Long term protection of land	35	45	75
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	5	50
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	40
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	5	30
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	5	50
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	40
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	20
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	50
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	5	20
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	40

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	5	40

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

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

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	100	100

Long term protection of land

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

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

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

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	15	100
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	15	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

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

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	50	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	20	100

Water (Salt losses to water)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Salts transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Salts transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Source water depletion)

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

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

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

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Maximum Duration Allowed by State Law	LTPMAS	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	00N	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	15	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	40	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	40	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

Display Group: FY26 ACEP-ALE General (Program Agreements) (Active)

 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
Located in ND	Located in ND	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
County location	County location	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected?	50% or less	0
	51-60%	4
	61-70%	8
	71-80%	12
	Greater than 80%	16
Are landowners a historically underserved group, small scale farmer, limited resource landowner, new or beginning farmer or rancher or veteran landowner?	YES	3
	NO	0
Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected?	33% or less	0
	33-40%	4
	40-50%	8
	More than 50%	16
Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to acreage farm size in the county?	1.0 or less	0
	1.1- 2.0	5
	more than 2.0	10
Decrease in the percent of Ag Land, excluding Cropland, Pastureland and Woodland?	No decrease or less than 1%	0
	Decrease of 1-5%	1
	Decrease of 5-10%	5
	Decrease of 11-15%	9
	Decrease of more than 15%	10
Percent population growth in the county?	Growth rate of less than 1 times the Sate growth rate	0
	Growth rate of 1.1-2 times the State growth rate	4
	Growth rate of 2.1 - 3 times the State growth rate	7
	Growth rate of more than 3 times the Sate growth rate	10

Section: Program

Question	Answer Choices	Points
County population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census?	County population density less than 1 times the State population	0
	County population density of greater than 1 and less than or equal to 2 times the State population density	4
	County population density of greater than 2 and less than or equal to 3 times the State population density	7
	County 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
	Existing plan	7
	Existing plan documented and performed by an industry professional	15
Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations?	Parcel greater than 3 miles from the protected land boundary	0
	Parcel is greater than 1 mile but less than 3 miles from protected land boundary	4
	Parcel is within 1 mile of protected land boundary	7
	Parcel boundary adjoins protected land boundary	15
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure?	Parcel greater than 3 miles from other ag. Operations and infrastructure	0
	Parcel is 1 mile or greater, but less than 3 miles from other ag. Operations and infrastructure	4
	Parcel is with in 1 mile from other ag. Operations and infrastructure	7
	Parcel adjoins other ag. Operations and infrastructure	15
Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected by easement area?	YES	15
	NO	0
The grassland in the parcel will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement for example, Grassland of Special Environmental Significance?	YES	15
	NO	0
Will the eligible cooperating entity pay over 50% of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement with its own cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner and comes from sources other than the landowner?	YES	15
	NO	0
Currently enrolled in a CRP contract set to expire within a year and is grassland that would benefit from protection?	YES	15
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: Resource

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Proximity to protected habitats such as WRE, WRP, EWP, EWPR, GRP, state owned Game Production Areas, USFWS Waterfowl Production Areas, Forest Service Grasslands, and military installations.	Adjacent to Offered area	35
	Within 0.5 miles of offered area	20
	0.6 - 1.0 miles from offered area	10
	Greater than 1 mile from offered area	5
Habitat Biodiversity ?	Offered are is 1,000 acres or more	35
	Offered are is 999-500 acres	20
	Offered are is 499-250 acres	10
	Offered are is less than 250 acres	5
Species Composition?	Offered area is primarily rangeland with 75% native species	35
	Offered area is primarily rangeland with 25-74% native species	20
	Offered area is compromised of 4 or more species on pasture/ hayland or is rangeland with less than 24% native species	10
	None of the above	5
Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected?	50% or less	0
	51-60%	4
	61-70%	8
	71-80%	12
	Greater than 80%	15
Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations?	No Plan	0
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Will the offered area contribute to geographic regions where the enrollment of particular land use may help achieve National, State, and regional agricultural or conservation goals and objectives, or enhance existing government or private conservation projects?	YES	15
	NO	0
Is the offered area located in an area zoned for agricultural use?	YES	15
	NO	0
Does the eligible entity have past experience managing, monitoring and enforcing easements annually?	YES	15
	NO	0
Land has current Resource Management System (RMS) conservation plan that meets or exceeds all NRCS standards and specifications OR the applicant agrees to develop a RMS plan above the minimum ACEP- ALE requirements?	YES	25
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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