



# Ranking Pool Report

**Ranking Pool** ACEP-ALE FY26 FL

**Program** ACEP

**Pool Status** Active

**Tags**

**Template** ACEP-ALE (ProTracts) **Template Status** Active

**Existing Practice Included** No

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**National Pool** No

**Include States** FL (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 %
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

## Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	40
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 (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	15	100
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
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: ACEP-ALE FY26 FL (Active)

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

## Survey: Florida ALE Applicability Questions FY26

### Section: FL ALE Applicability Question FY26

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the offered land an Eligible Land Type based on 440-CPM, Part 528.33?	YES	--
	NO	--

## Survey: Florida ALE Category Questions FY26

Section: FL ALE Category Questions FY26		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the offered land meet the definition of a Grassland of special environmental significance?	YES	--
	NO	--

## Survey: Florida ALE Program Questions - National Ranking Criteria FY26

Section: FL National Ranking Criteria FY26		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percent of prime, unique, and important soils in the parcel to be protected:	50 percent or less	0
	Greater than 50 percent and less than or equal to 60 percent	5
	Greater than 60 percent and less than or equal to 70 percent	10
	Greater than 70 percent and less than or equal to 80 percent	15
	Greater than 80 percent	20
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	20
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	20

Section: FL National Ranking Criteria FY26

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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
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	10
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 is greater than three (3) miles from a protected land boundary.	0
	Parcel is within three (3) miles of a protected land boundary.	5
	Parcel is within one (1) mile of a protected land boundary.	10
	Parcel boundary adjoins a protected land boundary.	15
What is the proximity of the parcel to be protected to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure:	Parcel is greater than three (3) miles from an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	0
	Parcel is within three (3) miles of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	5
	Parcel is within one (1) mile of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	10
	Parcel boundary adjoins the boundary of an agricultural operation or other agricultural infrastructure.	15
Parcel's ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use:	Parcel does not increase a protected agricultural area.	0
	Parcel is a contiguous or proximal expansion of agricultural use protected area	10
	Parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of protected agricultural land.	15
The parcel is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within a year:	No	0
	Yes	5

**Section: FL National Ranking Criteria FY26**

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The parcel to be protected is a grassland of special environmental significance (GSS) that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement:	No	0
	Yes	20
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 less than 50% of its own cash resources.	0
	Entity is contributing equal to or more than 50% of its own cash resources.	5

**Survey: Florida ALE Resource Questions- State Ranking Criteria FY26**

**Section: FL State Ranking Criteria FY26**

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The parcel is in an area zoned for agricultural use based on current property appraiser records:	No	0
	Yes	5
Eligible entity has demonstrated efficiency in managing and enforcing easements. Select all that apply:	Eligible entity has monitored and reported 100% of their existing ACEP-ALE easements on an annual basis.	15
	Eligible entity elects to attach the ALE minimum deed terms addendum as written or use an EPD-approved entity-specific ALE deed template.	30
	Eligible entity requested and received certification under ACEP-ALE and is operating as a certified entity..	40
Parcel has documented populations of Federal/State T & E species or State species of concern. Number of species:	0	0
	1-4	10
	5-9	20
	10 or more	30
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:	No	0
	Yes	10
Offered easement boundary (OEB) includes infrastructure that supports long-term agricultural viability. Select all that apply:	OEB does not include an existing or planned homestead or farm operation infrastructure	0
	OEB includes a homestead or designated building envelope for a future homestead	5
	OEB includes farm operation infrastructure or designated building envelope for future structures (e.g. barn, grain storage, equipment facilities)	5
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:	Entity provided evidence of an existing conservation plan that is developed to maintain or increase agricultural viability for the offered easement boundary	20
	Entity will create or update an agricultural land easement plan prior to closing	20
	Entity deed terms specifically address long-term agricultural viability	20

**Section: FL State Ranking Criteria FY26**

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Social, cultural, historic, archaeological, or scenic benefits. Select all that apply:	Farm or Ranch includes significant historical or archaeological resources, e.g. Indian mounds are present on the property NOT listed in the National Register	5
	Farm or ranch is within the watershed of a wild and scenic river	5
	Agricultural products are sold for consumption in local or regional markets	10
	Farm or Ranch includes historical or archaeological sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places	10

**Detailed Assessments**

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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