

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool Illinois CSP NIPF
2026

Program CStwP

Pool Status Active

Tags

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**Existing Practice
Included** No

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National Pool No

Include States IL (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	5	30
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	15	30
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	15	30
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	30
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	15	30
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	15	30
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	10	30
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	15	30
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	30

Animals (Aquatic habitat)			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic Habitat (Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms)	0	75	100
Aquatic Habitat (Elevated water temperature)	0	25	100

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

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

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wildfire Hazard (Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation)	0	100	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	10	50
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	45	50
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	45	50

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	25	50
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	25	50
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	25	50
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	25	50

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

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

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	25	50

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Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	25	50
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	50	50

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Forest Management Plan	106	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management Plan	116	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Design	120	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management System Design	162	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan	199	00N	Activities
Adaptive Management for Soil Health	204	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities
Alley Cropping	311	00N	Conservation Practices
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	329	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Contour Farming	330	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Buffer Strips	332	00N	Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Soil Carbon Amendment	336	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	00N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345	00N	Conservation Practices

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Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	374	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Forest Farming	379	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	00N	Conservation Practices
Silvopasture	381	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Woody Residue Treatment	384	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Fishpond Management	399	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	00N	Conservation Practices

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Stormwater Runoff Control	570	00N	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices
Stripcropping	585	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	591	00N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Salinity and Sodic Soil Management	610	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetated Treatment Area	635	00N	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Seasonal Water Management for Wildlife	646	00N	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Lighting System	670	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Existing Activity Payment	E300EAP	00N	CStwP Enhancements (2018)

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Adjustment (A)	5	10	10
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (C)	35	36	50

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Resource Priorities	Default	15	22	35
Program Priorities	Default	15	22	35
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: Illinois CSP NIPF 2026 (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
Is the applicant applying for a Nonindustrial private forest land (NIPF) contract?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
What categories are the applicant applying for?	NIPF Classic	--
	Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BFR)	--
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (SDFR)	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program	--
	Reserve 1	--
	Reserve 2	--
	Reserve 3	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: BFR and/or SDFR Program Questions*		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
BFR and SDFR: Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	10
	NO	0
BFR and SDFR: Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the CSP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?	YES	5
	NO	0

Section: General Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the producer have active CSP contract(s) but chooses not to include the newly acquired/newly eligible land? Note: If the active contract is IRA funded or a different operation type to the land in the application, then answer "No".	YES	-200
	NO	0
Does the application only contain a CPA, DIA, and/or CEMA?	YES	-100
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: NIPF Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
NIPF: Does the application include a Conservation Planning Activity (CPA) and/or Design and Implementation Activity (DIA) and conservation practices that depend on the results of the plan(s)?	YES	-50
	NO	0
NIPF: How many conservation practices are planned in the application on the operation?	5 or more practices	15
	4 practices	10
	2-3 practices	5
	0-1 practices	0
Does the application include Energy Efficient Agricultural Operations (374), Energy Efficient Lighting Systems (670), or Energy Efficient Building Envelope (672) and the applicant does not have an NRCS approved Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) that represents the current site conditions?	YES	-50
	NO	0
FOREST: Does the applicant have an NRCS approved Forest Management Plan (FMP) that is one of the following types: 1) FMP that was approved by IDNR or approved partner; 2) An NRCS approved FMP Conservation Activity Plan (CAP); or 3) An NRCS approved CPA 106 and DIA 165.	YES	0
	NO	0
CONDITIONAL: If forestry practices are included in the application, what is the age of the NRCS approved Forest Management Plan (FMP)? Select the appropriate situation.*	The application includes forestry practices, and the applicant has an NRCS approved Forest Management Plan that is no older than 10 years for the area where practices are planned.	50
	The application includes forestry practices, and the applicant has an NRCS approved Forest Management Plan that is older than 10 years for the area where practices are planned.	10
	None of the above.	0
CONDITIONAL: Does the NRCS approved Forest Management Plan (FMP) identify a resource concern of oak regeneration in an existing oak stand(s) and the application includes the treatment of understory shade tolerant tree species, such as maple, ironwood, dogwood, etc.?*	YES	20
	NO	0
Does the application include a practice to benefit threatened or endangered species?	YES	10
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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