

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**FY16 EQIP Limited Resource Farmer - Area 1 HU**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> FY16 EQIP Limited Resource Farmer - Area 1 HU	<b>Applicant:</b>	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)</b>	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)</b>	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)</b>	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is applicant an existing producer of confined poultry, dairy, swine, or other livestock and required to comply with state laws concerning the management of animal waste?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will this contract include practices that reduce sediment from active gullies and sheet and rill erosion? (Application must include Grade Stabilization Structure - 410 or Sediment Basin - 350.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Has applicant been required to pay recovery costs in the last 3 years? If applicant has NOT paid recovery costs within the last 3 years, answer YES.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Has applicant had a contract in the past 3 years and failed to complete contract items on schedule?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is this an existing or expanding CAFO operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Has applicant self-certified as a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will treatment increase the number of grazing cells? (Application must include Fence - 382 for cross fencing.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will treatment result in a safe new or existing watering facility? (Application must include Pond - 378, Watering Facility - 614, or Water Well - 642.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will treatment result in positive water savings? (Application must include Pond - 378 or Watering Facility - 614.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will native vegetation be left along stream corridors (SMZs) in accordance with the MS BMP Handbook for forestry guidelines?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will all offered land suited for longleaf pines or hardwoods be planted to these type trees?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment include one or more of the following practices targeting sedimentation? (Sediment Basin - 350, Grade Stabilization Structure - 410, Structure for Water Control - 587, Terrace - 600)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will application be treating classic gully erosion on EQIP acres? (Grade Stabilization Structure - 410 or Sediment Basin - 350 must be planned.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the predominant land capability class for EQIP acres 3 or higher?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will treatment include Practice 316 - Animal Mortality Facility to manage animal mortality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does applicant have a current CNMP on EQIP offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will invasive species be controlled on EQIP acres? (Herbaceous Weed Control - 315 must be planned.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Do soil test results on EQIP offered acres show a pH of less than 6.0? (Only applicable when applying a vegetative practice requiring establishment.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

8. Was this landowner deferred from last year's applicant list?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is this the applicant's first time to apply for EQIP assistance? (Do not answer YES if applicant's application has been deferred or if applicant or any member of the entity has had an EQIP contract in the last two years.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will at-risk and/or threatened and endangered species habitat be improved? (Refer to T&E Species zone spreadsheet posted on the MS SharePoint site under Programs > EQIP > EQIP FY2016.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Has applicant previously been found in non-compliant status? (Ex. Terminated contract with liquidated damages or ACTIVE CONTRACT WITH NO PRACTICE COMPLETED)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will applicant apply Practice 340 - Cover Crop on at least 20% of offered EQIP cropland acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will Practice 340 - Cover Crop be planned on cropland with land capability class of 2 or higher?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>
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