

# ACEP-ALE Ranking Criteria for NRCS Mississippi

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Fiscal Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Nationally Mandated Ranking Criteria:**

1. Percentage of prime, unique, and statewide/locally important soil or rangeland that would be protected on the parcel.

Total Parcel acres:

*(only count acres once)*

	Acres	%		Points	Score
Prime Soils		0	91-100%	30	
Unique Soils		0	81-90%	25	
Statewide Important Soils		0	71-80%	15	
Locally Important Soils <sup>1</sup>		0	61-70%	10	
Rangeland/Grassland		0	51-60%	5	
TOTAL	0	0%	0-50%	0	

<sup>1</sup> Locally important soils must be supported by County Board of Supervisors resolution as identified by the CA Dept. of Conservation's Farmland of Local Importance definition.

2. Percentage of cropland, pastureland, rangeland or grassland on the parcel.

Total Parcel acres:

	Acres	%		Points	Score
Cropland		0	91-100%	30	
Pastureland		0	81-90%	25	
Rangeland/Grassland		0	66-80%	15	
TOTAL	0	0%	51-65%	10	
			34-50%	5	
			0-33%	0	

3. Ratio of the parcel size to be protected versus the average farm size in the county.

(www.agcensus.usda.gov)

Parcel Size	<input type="text" value="0"/> ac.
Average Farm Size for County	<input type="text"/> ac.
Ratio	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Ratio	Points	Score
> 3	15	<input type="text"/>
2 - 3	10	<input type="text"/>
1 - 1.9	5	<input type="text"/>
< 1	0	<input type="text"/>

4. Decrease of farm and ranch land in the county between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture.

(www.agcensus.usda.gov)

Current Census (2012)	<input type="text"/> ac.
Previous Census (2007)	<input type="text"/> ac.
Percent Change	<input type="text" value="0"/>

(only provide points for a negative value)

Decrease	Points	Score
> 15%	20	<input type="text"/>
11-15%	15	<input type="text"/>
6-10%	10	<input type="text"/>
1-5%	5	<input type="text"/>
0% or Increase	0	<input type="text"/>

5. Ratio of population growth in the county versus the statewide growth rate as documented by the most recent U.S. census. (www.census.gov)

County Growth Rate	<input type="text"/>
State Growth Rate	<input type="text"/>
Ratio	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Ratio	Points	Score
> 3	15	<input type="text"/>
2 - 3	10	<input type="text"/>
1 - 1.9	5	<input type="text"/>
< 1	0	<input type="text"/>

6. Ratio of county population density versus statewide population density based on the most recent U.S. census.

County Population Density	<input type="text"/>
State Population Density	<input type="text"/>
Ratio	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Ratio	Points	Score
> 3	15	<input type="text"/>
2 - 3	10	<input type="text"/>
1 - 1.9	5	<input type="text"/>
< 1	0	<input type="text"/>

7. Proximity of the parcel to other protected land within 1 mile radius.

- > 500 acres within 1 mile
- 251 - 500 acres within 1 mile
- 100 - 250 acres within 1 mile
- < 100 acres within 1 mile
- No protected land within 1 mile

Points	Score
20	<input type="text"/>
15	<input type="text"/>
10	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>
0	<input type="text"/>

8. Proximity of the parcel to other agriculture within 1 mile radius.

- > 500 acres within 1 mile
- 251 - 500 acres within 1 mile
- 100 - 250 acres within 1 mile
- < 100 acres within 1 mile

Points	Score
20	
10	
5	
0	

9. Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or adjacent agricultural easements.

- Parcel links two agricultural easements
- Parcel is adjacent to an agricultural easement
- Parcel is non-contiguous to an agricultural easement

Points	Score
10	
7.5	
0	

10. Evidence of farm or ranch succession plan for the landowner.

- Written Plan by industry professional
- Written Plan
- No plan

Points	Score
5	
3	
0	

11. Parcel contains historical or archeological resources that will be protected by the easement (cultural resource must be recognized by SHPO).

- Yes
- No

Points	Score
15	
0	

12. Parcel is currently enrolled in a CRP contract that is set to expire within a year and is a grassland that would be protected by the easement.

- Yes
- No

Points	Score
5	
0	

**Total Points for National Ranking Criteria (200 max. points)**

0.0
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**State Ranking Criteria:**

1. Likelihood of conversion to nonagricultural use due to urban development or influence of an incorporated city.

- Parcels within or adjacent to city limits
- Parcels within 5 miles outside city limits
- Parcels greater than 5 miles and up to 10 miles outside city limits
- Parcels greater than 10 miles outside city limits

Points	Score
30	
15	
10	
0	

2. Contains state-specific factors for grasslands of special environmental significance.

- Blackland and Jackson Prairies
- Parcel with 50% or more native warm season grass

Points	Score
30	
15	
0	

3. Based upon available species occurrence data and information, is a protected species present within the offered area?

Credible verification of species occurrence:

- Yes
- No

Points	Score
30	
0	

4. Parcel contains historical or archaeological resources that will be protected by easement area.

- Yes
- No

Points	Score
25	
0	

5. Multifunctional benefits of farm and ranch land protection include protecting wetlands or riparian areas?

- Yes
- No

Points	Score
25	
0	

6. Invasive plant cover observed.

- 0-2% Total area covered
- > 2% Total area covered

Points	Score
20	
0	

7. Land evaluation and site assessment system or equivalent for grassland enrollments indicates a viable agricultural area for parcel.

50% or more of parcel is comprised of soils that are in land capability classes I-IV

	Points	Score
Yes	20	
No	0	

8. Eligible entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements by monitoring 80% or more of its easements each year.

	Points	Score
Yes	10	
No	0	

**Total Points for State Ranking Criteria (200 max. points)** 0.0

**Total Points for National Ranking Criteria (200 max. points)** 0.0

**Grand Total for Project (400 max. points)** 0.0