

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement  
 Eligibility Documentation**

Entity Name:   
 Parcel Landowner Name:   
 County:   
 Application Type: ACEP ALE Regular

<b>Landowner Eligibility</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>7 CFR § 1468.20(c)</i></span>	
Are all landowners of record AGI eligible? (Y/N)	Yes
Are all landowners of record HEL eligible? (Y/N)	Yes
Are all landowners of record WC eligible? (Y/N)	Yes
<b>Entity Eligibility</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>7 CFR § 1468.20(b)</i></span>	
Entity type	<span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 200px; height: 15px;">Nongovernmental Organization</span>
Have the authority to purchase and hold agricultural conservation easements.	Yes
Have an established farmland protection program that purchases conservation easements for the purpose of protecting agriculture use and related conservation values by limiting conversion to nonagricultural use of the land.	Yes
Demonstrate a commitment to the long-term conservation of agricultural lands.	Yes
Have the authority and capability to acquire, manage, and enforce agricultural land easements or their equivalent.	Yes
Have the staff capacity (either directly or through formal agreement with other entities) dedicated to monitoring and easement stewardship.	Yes
Have the availability of funds at the time of application sufficient to meet the eligible entity's contribution requirement.	Yes
Have the ability to meet the requirements of the program.	Yes
<b>General Land Eligibility</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>7 CFR § 1468.20(d)</i></span>	
Private or Tribal land that meets the agriculture land definition. <i>Chapter 23, Subchapter D, Texas Tax Code</i>	Yes
Subject to a written pending offer for purchase of an agricultural land easement from an entity	Yes
Land that meets at least one of the following:	
1. At least 50% prime, unique, statewide or locally important soils;	No
2. Contains registered historic or archaeological resources;	No
3. The enrollment of which would protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land; or	Yes
4. The protection of which would further a State or local policy consistent with the purposes of ACEP. (must cite applicable policy)	No
<b>Grassland of Special Environmental Significance Eligibility *</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>7 CFR § 1468.3</i></span>	
1 Parcel is grassland with little to no noxious or invasive species. <a href="http://www.texasinvasives.org">www.texasinvasives.org</a>	Yes
2 Parcel is grassland under threat of conversion to cropland, fragmentation, or development.	Yes
3 Parcel is:	
A. Rangeland, pastureland or shrubland (dominated by native plant communities); or	Yes
B. Improved pastures (monoculture of non-natives); or	
C. Mixture of both	
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A. Provides habitat for threatened or endangered species or at-risk species; or	Yes
B. Protects sensitive or declining native prairie or grassland types; or	
C. Provides protection of highly sensitive natural resources.	

Eligibility Reviewer:

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Name	Title	Date
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\* Attach documentation to support GSS eligibility

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 Ranking Worksheet**

**Entity Name:** 0  
**Parcel Landowner Name:** 0  
**County:** 0

Parcel Land Use Summary	Acres	Percent
Native Rangeland	0	0
Improved Pastureland	0	0
Cropland (including Orchards)	0	0
Expiring CRP	0	0
Forestland	0	0
Existing Headquarters	0	0
Planned Building Envelope	0	0
<b>TOTAL PARCEL</b>		0

National Ranking Criteria Summary*		Max. Pts.	Score
1	Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected.	30	
2	Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel.	15	
3	Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size.	10	
4	Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county.	25	
5	Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census.	15	
6	Population density (population per square mile) of county.	10	
7	Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan.	5	
8	Proximity of the parcel to other protected land.	20	
9	Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure.	15	
10	Maximizing the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use.	20	
11	Land is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year.	5	
12	Grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	10	
13	Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture and rangeland.	20	
* 7 CFR Sec. 1468.22 (b)		200	

State Ranking Criteria Summary		Max. Pts.	Score
1	Implementing a Conservation Plan approved by NRCS	35	
2	Benefit to surface water quality	25	
3	Benefit to ground water quantity	25	
4	Registered cultural, historic or archaeological sites	15	
5	Benefit to threatened, endangered or candidate animal species	20	
6	Benefit to threatened, endangered or candidate plant species	20	
7	Diversity of plant communities and benefit to wildlife.	35	
8	Soil Productivity Index	25	
		200	

TOTAL POINTS 0.00

Ranking Reviewers:

Name	Title	Date

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1	Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected. Attach report from Web Soil Survey. <a href="http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm">http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm</a>	
	Total acres of Prime Farmland in Parcel <span style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">0</span>	
	Total Parcel Acres                    0    #DIV/0!	
	Max. Points                                30	
	Score = Percentage x Max. Points    #DIV/0!	
2	Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected. (ex. Acres of land in production vs. headquarters or building envelopes)	
	Acres of production                        0	
	Acres of land in Headquarters or planned Building Envelopes                    0	
	Total Parcel Acres                        0    #DIV/0!	
	Max. Points                                15	
	Score = Percentage x Max. Points    #DIV/0!	
3	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 ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">http://www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ).	
	Average Farm Size for County <span style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">0</span>	
	Total Parcel Acres                        0	
	Ratio                                        #DIV/0!    :1	
	Max. Points                                10	
	Score = Ratio x Max. Points          #DIV/0!	
4	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 ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">http://www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ). <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_County_Level/Texas/st48_2_008_008.pdf">http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_County_Level/Texas/st48_2_008_008.pdf</a>	
	Farm and Ranch acres from year        2007 <span style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">-</span>	
	Farm and Ranch acres from year        2012 <span style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">-</span>	
	Change                                      -    Acres	
	Maximum points for decreases greater than 10%                                      #DIV/0!    Increase	
	Zero points for increases    Max. Points        25	
	Score = Percent Decrease x Max. Points    #DIV/0!	
5	Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">http://www.census.gov</a> ). <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html</a>	
	County Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014 <span style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">0</span> %	
	Texas Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015                    7.2 %	
	Zero points for rates < state    Max. Points        15	
	Score = Percent above state x Max. Points    0.00	
6	Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">http://www.census.gov</a> ). Maximum points for county density greater than state density. <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/48000.html</a>	
	Persons per square mile, 2010 (County) <span style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">0</span>	
	Persons per square mile, 2010 (Texas)                    96.3	
	Max. Points                                10	
	Score                                        0.00	

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<p>7 Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations.</p> <p align="right"> <input type="text" value="No"/>  Max. Points 5  Score 0 </p>
<p>8 Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as military installations; 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 land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values.</p> <p>Identify Protected Lands <input type="text" value="None"/>  Proximity <input type="text" value="Over 3 miles - 0 Points"/></p> <p>Adjacent - 100% Points Max. Points 20  Less than 1 mile - 50% Points Score <input type="text" value="0"/>  Less than 3 miles - 23% Points  Over 3 miles - 0 Points</p>
<p>9 Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure.</p> <p>Percent of parcel surrounded by land in agriculture production. <input type="text" value="0"/>  Max. Points 15  Score = Percentage x Max. Points 0</p>
<p>10 Maximizing the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use.</p> <p>Is the parcel adjacent to an existing FRPP, GRP or similar easement? <input type="text" value="No"/>  Max. Points 20  Score 0</p>
<p>11 Whether the land is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year.</p> <p align="right"> <input type="text" value="No"/>  Max. Points 5  Score 0 </p>
<p>12 Whether the land is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.</p> <p>Acres of Rangeland, Pastureland or other grassland 0  Total parcel acres 0  Percent #DIV/0!  Max. Points 10  Score = Percentage x Max. Points #DIV/0!</p>
<p>13 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. <i>(Factor added as a result of the publication of the ACEP Final Rule 10/18/16)</i>  <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_County_Level/Texas/st48_2_008_008.pdf">http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume 1, Chapter 2 County Level/Texas/st48_2_008_008.pdf</a></p> <p>Farm and Ranch acres from year 2007 <input type="text"/>  Farm and Ranch acres from year 2012 <input type="text"/>  Change - Acres  Maximum points for decreases greater than 10% #DIV/0! Increase  Zero points for increases Max. Points 20  Score = Percent Decrease x Max. Points #DIV/0!</p>

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1 Existence of a farm or ranch conservation plan developed by NRCS, on file in the local Field Office in cooperation with the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Conservation Plan at RMS Level	100 % Max Points
Progressive Conservation Plan	50 % Max Points
No Plan	0 Points
Max Points	35
Score	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value=""/>

2 Is the property located in an impaired watershed with a Watershed Protection Plan or a TMDL Implementation Plan?

	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="No"/>
Max. Points	25
Score	0

3 Is the property located in an aquifer recharge zone?

	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="No"/>
Max. Points	25
Score	0

4 Are there cultural, historic or archaeological site on the property that are listed with state or national registries?

	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="No"/>
Max. Points	15
Score	0

5 Land to be enrolled is considered suitable habitat for a federally listed threatened, endangered, proposed or candidate animal species and proper management is likely to provide a direct benefit to that specie(s). Requires concurrence from FWS.

	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="No"/>	
Identify species below	Max. Points	20
<input style="width: 400px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	Score	0

6 Land to be enrolled is considered suitable habitat for a federally listed threatened, endangered, proposed or candidate plant species and proper management is likely to provide a direct benefit to that specie(s). Requires concurrence from FWS.

	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value="No"/>	
Identify species below	Max. Points	20
<input style="width: 400px; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	Score	0

7 Diversity of plant community and benefit to other natural resources.

Percent Rangeland	0%
Max. Points	35
Score	0.00

8 Soil Productivity Index (0-100)

Weighted Index from Web Soil Survey NCCPI2	<input style="width: 50px; height: 15px;" type="text" value=""/>	
Max Points	25	
Score = Index (as %) x Max. Points	Score	0