

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
NE Cottontail WLFW**

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NE Cottontail WLFW		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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.	250 Point(s)
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10 Point(s)
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)?	10 Point(s)
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	10 Point(s)
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10 Point(s)

Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15 Point(s)
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10 Point(s)
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10 Point(s)
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10 Point(s)
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	10 Point(s)
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10 Point(s)
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10 Point(s)

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10 Point(s)
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10 Point(s)
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?	10 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is there credible verification of species occurrence (for example, photos, Heritage Database, USFWS, NRCS or State fish and wildlife agency documentation)? 200 points	200 Point(s)
2. The offered area shares a common border with an area with known populations of the target species. 150 points	150 Point(s)

3. The offered area is proximal to an area with a known population of the target species. "Proximal" means within the accepted normal species dispersal ability. 50 points Note: NRCS will respect privacy of adjacent landowners	50 Point(s)
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the property under conservation easment (protected land not able to be developed)? Value = 100	100 Point(s)
2. Is the patch being created >12 contiguous acres? Value = 75	75 Point(s)
3. Is the patch being created > 5 contiguous acres? Value = 50	50 Point(s)
4. Is the patch being created adjacent to other habitat or dispersal corridors such as power lines, train tracks, shrub wetlands? Value = 25	25 Point(s)

Land Use:

Crop;

Farmstead;

Forest;

Pasture;

Range;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Access Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Brush Management
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Conservation Cover
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Cover Crop
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Critical Area Planting
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Forest Stand Improvement
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Forest Trails and Landings
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Herbaceous Weed Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Mulching

Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Riparian Forest Buffer
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Degraded Plant Condition: Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Access Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Brush Management
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Conservation Cover
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Cover Crop
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Critical Area Planting
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Forest Stand Improvement
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Herbaceous Weed Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Riparian Forest Buffer
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Degraded Plant Condition: Inadequate Structure and Composition	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Access Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Access Road
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Brush Management
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Conservation Cover
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Cover Crop
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Critical Area Planting
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Forest Stand Improvement
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Forest Trails and Landings
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Herbaceous Weed Control

Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Mulching
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Riparian Forest Buffer
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Access Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Access Road
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Brush Management
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Forest Stand Improvement
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Forest Trails and Landings
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Herbaceous Weed Control
Degraded Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Aquatic Organism Passage
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Conservation Cover
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Forest Stand Improvement
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Forest Trails and Landings
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Mulching
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Riparian Forest Buffer
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	Tree/Shrub Establishment

Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Conservation Cover
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Forest Stand Improvement
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Forest Trails and Landings
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Mulching
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Riparian Forest Buffer
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Food	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Conservation Cover
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Cover Crop
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Critical Area Planting
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Forest Stand Improvement
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Herbaceous Weed Control

Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Riparian Forest Buffer
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water	Aquatic Organism Passage
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water	Riparian Forest Buffer
Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat: Inadequate Habitat - Water	Structure for Water Control
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Access Control
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Brush Management
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Cover Crop
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Forest Stand Improvement
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Forest Trails and Landings
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Herbaceous Weed Control
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Feed and Forage	Stream Crossing
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Shelter	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Water	Stream Crossing
Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Water	Structure for Water Control
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Access Control
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Brush Management
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Conservation Cover
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Cover Crop
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Critical Area Planting
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Forest Stand Improvement
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Herbaceous Weed Control
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Mulching
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Riparian Forest Buffer
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill Erosion	Tree/Shrub Establishment

Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Access Control
Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Conservation Cover
Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Critical Area Planting
Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Herbaceous Weed Control
Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Riparian Forest Buffer
Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Stream Crossing
Soil Erosion: Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channels	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Soil Erosion: Wind Erosion	Brush Management
Soil Erosion: Wind Erosion	Conservation Cover
Soil Erosion: Wind Erosion	Cover Crop
Soil Erosion: Wind Erosion	Critical Area Planting

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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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:

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