

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Livestock

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Livestock	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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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)?	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"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
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?	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"/>
Soil Health :- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
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. 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 state priority category.	
1. 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 state 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"/>
2. Water Quality Degradation - Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (Answer only ONE if applicable.)	
2. 2.a. Implementing practices to help meet state or local REGULATORY notices related to ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS impacts on water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2.b. Improving the quality of 303D listed IMPAIRED WATER categories 4-5 (within ¼ mile up-gradient of the designated waters), or DRINKING WATER, Surface Water Zones A-B (within zone and up-gradient), Groundwater Zones 1-2 or IWPA's (within zone)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2.c. Improving the quality of OTHER WATER, including designated shellfish growing areas, surface water, aquifers and wells (within 300' up-gradient of surface water or within groundwater zone)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Livestock Production Limitation - Will the proposed project improve feed and forage quality or quantity by:	
3. 3.a. Address water quality, air quality, and human/animal health concerns by implementing Animal Mortality Facility (316) or Emergency Animal Mortality Management (368)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3.b. Addressing insufficient feed and forage, stock water and shelter through practices such as Brush Management (314), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Forage Harvest Management (511), Prescribed Grazing (528), Pond (378), Watering Facility (614), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Soil Erosion/Soil Health - Will the proposed project:	
4. 4.a. Reducing erosion and sedimentation from CONCENTRATED FLOW?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4.b. Reducing soil contaminants from animal waste and other organics?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4.c. Increasing SCI values or decreasing STIR values on cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Wildlife Habitat - Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (Answer only ONE if applicable.)	
5. 5.a. Federally listed species	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5.b. State listed species	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5.c. Species of Conservation Concern	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL - The project provides invasive species control in areas with:: (Answer only ONE if applicable.)	

6. 6.a. LOW - distribution low, early infestation, minimal adjacent seed sources	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6.b. MEDIUM - distribution is established in scattered areas across the site; several adjacent seed sources	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. 6.c. HIGH - widely distributed and well established across the site; several adjacent seed sources	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Business Lines - What is the proposed project's likelihood of success:	
7. 7.a. Leveraging other financial assistance through conservation partnerships?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 7.b. The applicant has failed to implement past AMA, EQIP or WHIP contracts: >= 1 CANCELLED or TERMINATED for non-compliance or cause in the last two years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 7.c. The applicant has not implemented past contracts in a timely manner: > 1 year behind schedule with an active CPA-153 Non-Compliance Agreement issued?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 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 local priority category.	
1. 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 local 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"/>
2. Water Quality Degradation - Will the proposed project improve water quality by:	
2. 2.a. Implementing a CNMP to reduce animal source pollution through practices such as: Composting Facility (317), Waste Storage (313), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), Vegetative Treatment Areas (635), Filter Strips (393), Nutrient Management (590)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2.b. Restricting animal access to rivers, streams and water bodies?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Livestock Production Limitation - Will the proposed project improve limitations by:	
3. 3.a. Implementing Prescribed Grazing (528) to adjust intensity, frequency, timing and duration of grazing to meet desired objectives of plant communities?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Soil Erosion/Soil Health: Will the proposed project improve soil health by:	
4. 3.b. Installing animal Watering Facilities (614) to provide adequate livestock water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. a. Implementing Forage & Biomass Planting (512), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Residue and Tillage Management (329/345), or Cover Crop (340)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. b. Installing animal Trails & Walkways (575) to address erosion and compaction concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Sustainable Agriculture: The proposed project enhances sustainability by:	
5. 5.a. Converting a confined animal operation to a grass based animal feeding operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5.b. Improving PROTECTED LAND (i.e. APR or CR)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5.c. Providing local/organic products to enhance rural economy?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Business Lines - New program participants	
6. 6.a. The applicant has never received farm bill conservation program funding?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
-------------------	-----------

Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

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:**