

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Statewide Region-NIPF Beginning Farmer-2

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: Statewide Region-NIPF Beginning Farmer-2 | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | Telephone: | |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Programmatically, there are ten resource concerns that can be addressed through the implementation of conservation activities. The resource concerns are soil erosion, soil quality degradation, excess water, insufficient water, water quality degradation, air quality impacts, degraded plant condition, inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife, livestock production limitation, and inefficient energy use. Use this information to answer question 1. Using the CAET Summary Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of resource concerns planned to be met or exceeded by the implementation of a new conservation activity. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. | |
| 1. a. All applicable resource concerns have a new conservation activity planned. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Seven to nine resource concerns have a new conservation activity planned. If range is the land use with the smallest number of resource concerns planned, seven resource concerns have a new conservation activity planned. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Four to six resource concerns have a new conservation activity planned. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. One to three resource concerns have a new conservation activity planned. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Does the application have CRP lands transitioning to CSP? Choose the response that is the best match. | |
| 1. a. All transitioning CRP acres will maintain a permanent cover for the term of the CSP contract. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. 50-99% of the transitioning CRP acres will maintain a permanent cover for the term of the CSP contract. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. 25-49% of the transitioning acres will maintain a permanent cover for the term of the contract. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Using the CAET Summary Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of resource concerns met at the time of application. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. | |
| 1. a. All applicable resource concerns are met at time of application. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. More than 50% of the resource concerns are met at the time of application. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. More than two resource concerns are met at the time of application. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. When are conservation activities planned in the contract offer on all land uses? Choose the response that is the best match. | |
| 1. a. All planned conservation activities will be adopted within the first 12 months. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. All planned conservation activities will be adopted within the first 24 months. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. c. All planned conservation activities will be adopted within the first 36 months. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Using the CAET Summary Report, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the fewest number of conservation activities planned. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. | |
| 1. a. Planned conservation activities cover 75% or greater of the land use acres. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Planned conservation activities cover 50-74% of the land use acres. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Planned conservation activities cover 25-49% of the land use acres. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Does the application include enhancement bundles? Choose the response that is the best match. Note: | |

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| Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. | |
| 1. a. Considering every land use in the application, at least one bundle is planned on each land use. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Considering applications with more than one land use, at least one bundle is planned on one or more of the land uses, but not all. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Will the producer improve wildlife habitat for T&E species or species of concern by adopting one of the following conservation activity options? | |
| 1. a. Producer will adopt at least one wildlife bundle. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Producer will adopt at least two individual wildlife conservation activities. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Producer will adopt one wildlife conservation activity. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Will the producer improve the resource concern Soil Quality Degradation to address soil health by adopting one of the following conservation activity options? | |
| 1. a. Producer will adopt at least one soil health bundle. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Producer will adopt at least two individual soil quality degradation conservation activities. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Producer will adopt one soil quality degradation conservation activity. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Using the CAET Summary Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of targeted resource concerns met at the time of application. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. | |
| 1. a. All five targeted resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Four targeted resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Three targeted resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. Two targeted resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. e. One targeted resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. f. No targeted resource concern is met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Using the CAET Summary Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of targeted resource concerns met by the end of the contract period. Choose the response that is the best match. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. | |
| 1. a. All five targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Four targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Three targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. Two targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. e. One targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. f. No targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Using the CAET Summary Report, identify the one land use (Crop, Pasture, Range, or Forest) with the smallest number of non-targeted resource concerns met by the end of the contract period. Choose the response that is the best match. | |
| 1. a. All five non-targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Four non-targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Three non-targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. Two non-targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. e. One non-targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. f. No non-targeted resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. If the majority of the land (51% or greater) in the contract offer is within a State designated priority sub-geographic area of the designated fund pool (see delineated areas supplied by the State), answer question 4. Otherwise skip to the next question. Using the CAET Summary Report, how many out of all ten resource | |

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| concerns will be met by the end of the contract in the priority area (add up the total number of unique resource concerns met across all land uses in the application; only count a resource concern one time even if the same resource concern is met across multiple land uses in the application)? | |
| 1. a. 10 resource concerns are met. If applicant's only land use is range, 8 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. 8-9 resource concerns will be met. If applicant's only land use is range, do not select this response. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. 6-7 resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. 4-5 resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. e. 2-3 resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. f. 0-1 resource concerns will be met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. g. The majority of the land is NOT in a state designated priority sub-geographic area. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. If the majority of the land (51% or greater) in the contract offer is within an airshed targeted for air quality improvement efforts (see delineated areas supplied by the State), answer question 5. Otherwise skip to the next question. Using the CAET Summary Report, how many of the 9 remaining resource concerns will be met by the end of the contract in addition to air quality (add up the total number of unique resource concerns met across all land uses in the application; only count a resource concern one time even if the same resource concern is met across multiple land uses in the application)? | |
| 1. a. 9 resource concerns are met. If applicant's only land use is range, 7 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. 7-8 resource concerns are met. If applicant's only land use is range, do not select this response. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. 5-6 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. 3-4 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. e. 1-2 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. f. The majority of the land is NOT in a state designated priority airshed for air quality improvement. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. If the majority of the land (51% or greater) in the contract offer is within a watershed targeted for water quality improvement efforts (see delineated areas supplied by the State), answer question 6. Otherwise skip. Using the CAET Summary Report, how many of the 9 remaining resource concerns will be met by the end of the contract in addition to water quality (add up the total number of unique resource concerns met across all land uses in the application; only count a resource concern one time even if the same resource concern is met across multiple land uses in the application)? | |
| 1. a. 9 resource concerns are met. If applicant's only land use is range, 7 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. 7-8 resource concerns are met. If applicant's only land use is range, do not select this response. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. 5-6 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. d. 3-4 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. e. 1-2 resource concerns are met. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. f. The majority of the land is NOT in a state designated priority watershed for water quality improvement. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Resource Concerns Addressed | |
| 1. Will the conservation activities planned on forest land improve structure and composition with the intent to restore stand structure currently threatened by invasive species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| A Forest Stand Improvement (666) conservation activity will be performed on -- (Answer only 1) | |
| 2. a. 75 - 100% of the forested acres | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. 50 - 74% of the forested acres | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. 25 - 49% of the forested acres | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Wildlife (Answer only 1) | |
| 3. a. Will the conservation activities in the Schedule of Operations DIRECTLY benefit threatened or endangered species according to results obtained from the CT-DEEP NDDDB (Natural Diversity Database)? A request for species information must have been submitted and recommendations returned. The recommendations for the species will be implemented in this contract. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 3. b. Will the conservation activities in the Schedule of Operations address "Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife" without direct benefits to a known threatened or endangered species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
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Land Use:

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| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| <p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p>Final Ranking Score:</p> |
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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:

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