

CONNECTICUT NRCS  
FY 2020 RANKING POOL  
EQIP: Pasture

Land Use
Pasture
Assoc. Ag land
Farmstead
Forest

Ranking Weights	
Factors	Weight in Ranking Pool
Vulnerability	30%
Planned Practice Effects	20%
Resource Priorities	20%
Program Priorities	20%
Efficiencies	10%

Practices
All CT FY20 EQIP Practices

Resource Concerns Categories and Weighted Vulnerability Consideration	
Resource Concern Category	%
Air quality emissions	2
Aquatic habitat	5
Concentrated erosion	10
Degraded plant condition	5
Field pesticide loss	2
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	2
Inefficient energy use	2
Livestock production limitation	31
Pest pressure	10
Soil quality limitations	5
Source water depletion	2
Storage and handling of pollutants	2
Terrestrial habitat	15
Weather resilience	2
Wind and water erosion	5

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**SURVEY QUESTIONS**

Question Type	Section	Question Text	Choices	Points	Total Possible Points	Condition
Applicability	n/a	Is the majority of the land to be enrolled in Connecticut?	Yes No	N/A	N/A	
Category	n/a	Are the PLUs pasture and/or farmstead/associated ag land that is associated with pasture acres.	Yes No	N/A	N/A	
Program Questions	n/a	Is the applicant currently in compliance with all existing contracts or will this be the first contract for the applicant?	Yes No - participant has current CPA-153	50 -50	50	
	n/a	Has the applicant had any contract terminations within their control?	Yes No - no terminations for cause N/A -- no prior contracts	-50 25 0	25	
	n/a	Is the applicant following all Operation and Maintenance for all practices that are still within their lifespan on any existing contract?	Yes No N/A --1st contract, or all practices are beyond their lifespan	25 -25 0	25	
	n/a	Will the application address Wildlife Habitat by implementing Core wildlife practices?	Yes No	50 0	50	
	n/a	Will other Federal, State or Local financial resources be leveraged to assist with the implementation of this project?	Yes No	50 0	50	
	n/a	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area	Yes No	NA	0	
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE PROGRAM POINTS (20% of Total Score)</b>					<b>200</b>	

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Resource Questions	Pasture	Will the practices in the application result in an overall improvement in the Pasture Condition Score when comparing current condition to planned condition with installed practices.	<b>PCS improve by &gt;25 Pts</b> <b>PCS improve by 10-24 Pts</b> <b>PCS improve &lt; 10 Pts</b>	50 15 0	50	
	Pasture	What percent of the grazing needs (as determined in a grazing management plan) will be met by the land in the application?	Acres will provide <b>100%</b> of livestock needs  Acres will provide <b>75 -99.9%</b> of livestock needs  Acres provide <b>50-74.9%</b> of livestock needs  Acres provide <b>&lt;50%</b> of livestock needs	40  20  10  0	40	
	Pasture	If 382, Fence, is planned - will all fences on the pasture operation be at least 35' from all wetlands and water?	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> <b>N/A - no fence in contract</b>	25 -25 0	25	
	All Land Uses	Will the practices in this contract directly benefit threatened or endangered species according to results obtained from the CT-DEEP Natural Diversity Database?	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>	25 0	25	
	All Land Uses	Does the Schedule of Operations include planting practices that will add native wildlife beneficial plant species?	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>	10 0	10	
	All Land Uses	Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area and does the schedule of operations contain practices that address Water Quality or Water Quantity?	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> <b>N/A - land is not in SWP area</b>	50 0 0	50	program question re. Source Water
	<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE RESOURCE POINTS (20% of Total Score)</b>					<b>200</b>