

| Land Use |
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| Crop |
| Forest |
| Pasture |
| Farmstead |
| Associated |
| Ag land |

| Ranking Weights | |
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| Factors | Weight in Ranking Pool |
| Vulnerability | 10% |
| Planned Practice Effects | 15% |
| Resource Priorities | 50% |
| Program Priorities | 15% |
| Efficiencies | 10% |

| Practices |
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| All CT FY21 EQIP Practices |

| Resource Concerns Categories and Weighted Vulnerability Consideration | |
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| Resource Concern Category | % |
| Air quality emissions | 10 |
| Aquatic habitat | 2 |
| Concentrated erosion | 10 |
| Degraded plant condition | 5 |
| Field pesticide loss | 5 |
| Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss | 5 |
| Inefficient energy use | 2 |
| Livestock production limitation | 5 |
| Pest pressure | 2 |
| Soil quality limitations | 5 |
| Source water depletion | 5 |
| Storage and handling of pollutants | 35 |
| Terrestrial habitat | 2 |
| 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 | Land Uses |
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| Applicability | n/a | Did the applicant self-certify as a Limited Resource producer on the NRCS-CPA-1200, "Conservation Program Application"? | Yes No | N/A | N/A | | All |
| Category | n/a | Is the application in Connecticut? | Yes No | N/A | N/A | | All |
| 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 | | All |
| | | Has the applicant had any contract terminations within their control? | Yes No - no terminations for cause N/A -- no prior contracts completed | -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 | | All |
| | n/a | Will the application address Wildlife Habitat by implementing Core wildlife practices? | Yes No | 50 0 | 50 | | All |
| | 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 | | All |
| | n/a | Is this application located in a Source Water Protection Area?+A1 | Yes No | NA | 0 | | All |
| TOTAL POSSIBLE PROGRAM POINTS (20% of Total Score) | | | | | 200 | | |
| Resource Questions | Cropland | Will the practices in the application include one or more soil quality or enhancing practice(s) that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc. as part of a Soil Health System? | More than 2 practices 2 practices 1 or 0 practice N/A - soil health not a resource concern | 25 10 0 0 | 25 | | Crop |
| | Cropland | Does practice schedule include practices necessary to support a new OR existing High Tunnel System (325), in order to manage concentrated flow from the High Tunnel(s). Practices could include 342, Critical Area Planting; 412, Grassed Waterway; 468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; or 362 Diversion. | Yes No | 5 0 | 5 | | Crop |

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| Resource Questions (continued) | Cropland | Are the practices in the application part of an Irrigation Water Management Plan that results in a minimum reduction of water use of 35%? | Yes No | 5 0 | 5 | | Crop |
| | Cropland | Will the practices in the application assist the producer to implement a Nutrient Management Plan that meets NRCS specifications for applying fertilizer according to June Nitrate testing? | Yes No | 5 0 | 5 | | Crop |
| | Cropland | Are there currently direct point-source discharges from the planned land units to surface water, and will planned practices eliminate all of these discharges? | Yes - The planned practices will eliminate all direct point-source discharges from the planned land units No - there will still be direct point-source discharges N/A - there are no direct point-source discharges | 25 -10 0 | 25 | | Crop Farmstead |
| | Forest | Will the practices in the application address Forest Health through thinning (666) to meet objectives identified in FMP? | Yes No N/A -- stand not overstocked or no forestland in assessment | 10 0 0 | 10 | | Forest AAL |
| | Forest | Will the practices in the application address ALL invasive species identified in the participant's forest management plan where the plan identifies the potential for successful control and/or containment? | Yes No N/A --no invasive plants identified, control not feasible or no forestland in assessment | 10 0 0 | 10 | | Forest AAL |
| | Forest | Will the practices in the application restore sensitive areas by relocating poorly sited roads or trails using 655 Forest Trails and Landings AND 654 Road, Trail, Landing Closure? | Yes No N/A -- no poorly sited roads/trails identified in FMP or no forestland in assessment | 10 0 0 | 10 | | Forest AAL |
| | 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. | PCS improve by >25 Pts PCS improve by 10-24 Pts PCS improve < 10 Pts N/A | 25 5 0 0 | 25 | | Pasture |
| | Pasture | What percent of the grazing needs (as determined in a grazing management plan) will be met by the land in the application? | 100% of livestock needs 75 -99.9% of livestock needs 50-74.9% of livestock needs <50% of livestock needs N/A | 40 20 10 0 0 | 40 | | Pasture |
| | 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? | Yes No | 10 0 | 10 | | All |
| | All Land Uses | Does the Schedule of Operations include planting practices that will add native wildlife beneficial plant species? | Yes No | 5 0 | 5 | | All |
| | 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? | Yes No N/A - land is not in SWP area | 25 0 0 | 25 | program question re. Source Water | All |
| | TOTAL POSSIBLE RESOURCE POINTS (20% of Total Score) | | | | | 200 | |