

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

MRBI Headwaters-Big Pine

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> MRBI Headwaters-Big Pine		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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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"/>
<b>Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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"/>
<b>Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)</b>	
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. 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.(400 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. This application will result in the implementation of all the measures of an existing CNMP or other Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). (45 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. This application will result in the following four (4) items implemented as a system on the same land unit(s) in at least 3 consecutive years (50 points) a. (329) - Continuous No-Till meeting the 329 standard; b. (590) - Nutrient Management meeting the 590 standard (No fall commercial nitrogen applications for spring-seeded crops unless an inhibitor is used; DAP and MAP are allowed if injected, but not into frozen or snow-covered ground); c. (340) - Cover Crops (unharvested); d. (327/342/386/390/391/393) - Buffers adjacent to all water bodies and on at least 2% of the land unit acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. This application will address a ground or surface water quality degradation resource concern to Planning Criteria in a 303(d) watershed or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment using the FY16 Ranking Tool (Question 4(1) or Question 4(2)). (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more identified priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY16 Ranking Tool and the application includes practices that will address one or more of those concerns to Planning Criteria. (35 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. This application includes one or more practices that will address an identified surface water quality resource concern to Planning Criteria and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area identified through the FY16 Ranking Tool. (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. This application includes one or more practices that address an identified groundwater quality resource concern to Planning Criteria and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region OR the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher as identified through the FY16 Ranking Tool. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. This application is based on a Conservation Plan and/or Conservation Activity Plan that has been approved by the producer (signed) prior to October 1, 2015. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. This application will address an existing invasive species concern to Planning Criteria and where applicable will occur in concert with neighboring landowners also addressing invasive species. (20 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. This application will address an existing resource concern to Planning Criteria caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic). (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. This application will address existing resource concerns to Planning Criteria using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for vegetative practices. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. This application is from an applicant (by Tax ID number) who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing. (30 Points)	
14. All vegetative and/or structural practices included in the application are scheduled to be completed within two years of the obligation date. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. This application includes one of the following practices: 314, 315, 329, 340, 345, 449, 528, 554, 585, 590, 592, 595, 644 and/or 647 and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years. (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? (-200 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. This application includes the practice (325) High Tunnel System in the schedule of operations and one or more of the participants (whether as an individual, entity or member of an entity) on the application have previously been approved for an EQIP contract for (325) High Tunnel System or (798) Seasonal High Tunnel. (-150 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

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Award points based on the resource concerns being addressed in this application, relative to Local Work Group priority resource concerns for your county.	
1. Sheet, Rill, Wind: Benton Ex Nutrients in SW/GW: White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Concentrated Flow: Benton Ex Sediment: White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Organic Matter: Benton, White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Sheet, Rill, Wind: White Ex Sediment: Benton	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Compaction: Benton, White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Ex Nutrients in SW/GW: Benton Obj Odors: White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Pest SW/GW: Benton GHGs: White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Moist Mgmt: Benton Energy Field Operations: White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Ex Pathogens: Benton Plant Prod/Health: White	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Ex Pathogens: White Habitat Deg: Benton	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

<b>Resource Concerns</b>	<b>Practices</b>
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**Ranking Score**

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

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:**

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