

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NW Area Farmstead

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> NW Area Farmstead		<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
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"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet 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. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Water Quality and Soil Health for Improved Water Quality- (Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water, Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, and/or Pathogens, and/or Pesticides in Groundwater). This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Soil Erosion and Soil Health/Sustainability (Sheet, rill, wind, classic gully, ephemeral, streambank) – This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address the control of noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. The applicant is only applying in one fund pool for the general EQIP sign-up. Those with an application in the Beginning Farmer or Socially Disadvantaged fund pools may also have an application in one land use fund pool and receive these points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local 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 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"/>
Section one is for applications containing: Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), or Waste Facility Cover (367).	
1. The applicant has a certified CNMP and practices included in the application are identified in the plan as being needed.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The applicant has and is following an approved nutrient management plan.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: Producer does NOT have existing storage that can safely store 30 days or more of manure production at current animal numbers	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: The Producer is applying for a Waste Storage Facility that can safely store 7 months or more of manure production at	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

current animal numbers or planned, whichever is larger in this application.	
5. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: The application has resource concerns related to animal production areas located within a SWQMA (within 300 feet of a stream or 1,000 feet of a lake) and the foot print of the 313 will be located OUTSIDE the SWQMA. The 313 practice must directly solve the resource concerns within the SWQMA. (Directly tied to 313 and manure and wastewater production)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: The application has resource concerns related to animal production areas located within a SWQMA (within 300 feet of a stream or 1,000 feet of a lake) and the foot print of the 313 will be located INSIDE the WQMA. The 313 practice must directly solve the resource concerns within the SWQMA. (Directly tied to 313 and manure and wastewater production)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: The application has resource concerns related to animal production areas located within an area with severe limitations as indicated by groundwater or bedrock within 3 feet of the surface and the foot print of the 313 will be located OUTSIDE the area with severe limitations. The 313 practice must directly solve the resource concerns within the area of severe limitations. (Directly tied to 313 and manure and wastewater production)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS FOR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY ONLY: The application has resource concerns related to animal production areas located within an area with severe limitations as indicated by groundwater or bedrock within 3 feet of the surface and the foot print of the 313 will be located INSIDE the area with severe limitations. The 313 practice must directly solve the resource concerns within the area of severe limitations. (Directly tied to 313 and manure and wastewater production)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. RESOURCE CONCERN: Air Quality, Excessive Green House Gases, Methane is the primary resource concern and will be addressed through the implementation of Waste Treatment (629), or Waste Storage Facility (313) with Waste Facility Cover (367), or Anaerobic Digester (366), or Waste Treatment (Incinerator or other Treatment Facility 629)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. RESOURCE CONCERN: Soil Condition, Organic Matter Depletion will be addressed through the implementation of a Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) or Waste Treatment (629) included on this application in conjunction with Nutrient Management.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is greater than 2.0 for the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is between 1.5 and 1.99 for the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is between 1.0 and 1.49 for the application .	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is greater than 0.5 and less than 0.99 for the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. APPLIES TO APPLICATIONS WHICH INCLUDE CONSERVATION PRACTICES 313, 366, 629 (Scenario #1), or 632 ONLY: The Animal Waste Index generated for the application is less than 0.49 for the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Section two is for applications with barnyard systems and practices and/or scenarios not identified in section one and three.	
1. The applicant has a certified CNMP and practices included in the application are identified in the plan as being needed.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. The practice(s) Well Decommissioning (351) and/or Closure of Waste Impoundment (360) will be used to address the Water Quality – Harmful Levels of Pathogens in Groundwater resource concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Farmstead practices implemented will result in the interception of clean surface water from livestock and feed storage areas.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. At least one Farmstead practice will be installed to reduce runoff into a SWQMA area 300' from a stream, and 1000' from a lake and the practice must have a positive impact on a surface water quality	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

resource concerns. DOES NOT INCLUDE WETLANDS	
5. A barnyard system or components of a barnyard system will be used to solve resource concerns resulting from livestock concentrations in areas that have severe limitations. (areas of severe limitation include areas with groundwater close to the soil surface, or bedrock within 3 feet of the surface)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Practices included in the application will address visual evidence of manure solids and/or leachate leaving the lots/feed storage areas.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application contain Heavy Use Area Protection or do practices in this application address sheet & rill, shoreline, stream bank or gully erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. For barnyard systems containing heavy use area protection, is the BERT Rating (at the end of the buffer area) over 150.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. For barnyard systems containing heavy use area protection, is the BERT Rating (at the end of the buffer area) between 100 and 149.999	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Section three is for identified priorities and scenarios. In order to be eligible for section 3, the application must contain only one identified practice (with the exception of roof gutter and underground outlet). Applications with more than one practice (with the exception of roof gutter and underground outlet) will be ranked in section 2 or 1 depending on the additional practices in the application.	
1. Ground water and surface water resource concerns will be solved by specific practices in this application. The application must contain only one identified practice (with the exception of roof runoff structures 558 and underground outlet 620). Practices include: Well Decommissioning (351), Closure of Waste Impoundment (360), Diversion (362), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Underground Outlet (620), and Roof Runoff Structure (558) with an Underground Outlet (620).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

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

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