

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SW Area Farmstead

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: SW Area Farmstead		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

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 CO ₂ (Carbon Dioxide), CH ₄ (Methane), and N ₂ O (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
Section A: (400 points) If your application contains a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Compost Facility (317), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Waste Transfer (634) – (manure or wastewater components); Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), and/or Roofs and Covers (367) – Scenario 2 or 3, answer questions 1-9. If your application does not have these practices, SKIP TO SECTION B.	
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"/>
2. Does the applicant have an existing CNMP and will address at least one resource concern with the implementation of practices in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. The operation will have or currently has at least 6 months of storage after implementation of practices in the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Applicant currently does NOT have existing storage that can safely store 30 days or more of manure at	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

current animal numbers.	
5. Other pollutants (milking center wastes, barnyard runoff, silage stack leachate, other) will be collected in the planned waste storage system (313).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Footprint of the planned waste storage facility (313) will be installed within a SWQMA (300' of a stream/1,000' of a lake).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Footprint of the planned waste storage facility (313) that will be installed indicates severe limitations as indicated by groundwater or bedrock within 3 feet of surface.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. The applicant has NEVER received past financial assistance for Waste Storage Facility (313), Anaerobic Digester (366), Compost Facility (317), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Waste Transfer (634) - Scenarios 1-11, or 16; Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Facility Cover (367), and/or Waste Treatment - Scenario 1 (629).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Air Quality - Excessive Green House Gases, Methane, will be addressed through the implementation of practices in the application.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Section B: (325 points) If your application includes Sediment Basin (350), Waste Transfer (634) – (feed storage or barnyard components), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Roofs and Covers (367) – Scenario 1, 4, or 5; and/or Waste Treatment (629) answer questions 10-14. If your application does not have these practices, SKIP TO SECTION C.	
10. Does the applicant have an existing CNMP and will address at least one resource concern with the implementation of practices in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Farmstead practices will be implemented to treat an existing water quality resource concern that exists within 300' of a stream or 1,000' of a lake.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. For barnyard systems, the existing BERT rating (at the end of the buffer area) is over 150.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. For barnyard systems containing heavy use area protection or a roof, there will be zero discharge from the area.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Implementation of practices in the application will result in addressing all manure management prohibitions (outlined in NR151) on the operation.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Section C: (400 Points) If your application DOES NOT include Waste Storage Facility (313), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Compost Facility (317), Anaerobic Digester (366), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Roofs and Covers (367), Waste Treatment (629), Waste Transfer (634), Sediment Basin (350), and/or Vegetated Treatment Area (635), answer questions 15-18 below.	
15. Does the applicant have an existing CNMP and will address at least one resource concern with the implementation of practices in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Practices in the application will result in the interception of clean water from livestock and feeding areas.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Safety concerns will be addressed through Closure of Waste Impoundment (360).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380) or Renovation (650) is a part of the application and will result in at least 3 rows of trees/shrubs in the windbreak.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

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:	Signature Date: