

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
Area Two - Cropland/Specialty Crop

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Area Two - Cropland/Specialty Crop	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"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
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"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
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
WATER QUALITY - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Result in the treatment of an area that is less than or equal to 300 feet from sensitive areas such as streams, sinkholes, wetlands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Offset laws &/or regulations imposed on the operation? IF OPERATION IS ALREADY CITED, CANNOT RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPLEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Reduce nutrient, sediment, and/or pesticides on fields located in an impaired watershed 303(d), TMDL, has karst features or is in a high aquifer recharge area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
WATER QUANTITY - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Will the funding of this application result in the installation of an irrigation system that is 15% more efficient than the existing irrigation system? NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SYSTEMS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED WITH FEDERAL PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF WITHIN THE LAST 15 YEARS.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the existing irrigation system that is being replaced a previously-funded NRCS practice and is this system now more than 15 years old?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
SOIL EROSION - Will the funding of this contract:	
1. Will the funding of this application result in reduction of soil loss to "T" or address High Leach Soils (HL) on sites >50% HL? (CONTRACTED ACREAGE MUST CONSIST OF GREATER THAN 50% HIGH LEACH SOILS)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Result in the implementation of Conservation Crop Rotation (328) with Cover Crop (340) implemented to improve soil health and reduce soil erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
CONSERVATION PLAN	
1. Does the applicant have a conservation plan at the time of ranking for the resource concerns that will be addressed through this application/contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Are all required job sheets and engineering designs completed and certified by a planner with appropriate JAA for all practices included in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	
1. Will the leverage of non-federal funding be utilized to implement this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has the applicant had an EQIP contract terminated in the last 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Has the applicant signed, or will sign the Notice of Intent to comply with state BMPs with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) prior to the obligation date of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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SOIL EROSION	
1. Will soil erosion be reduced to "T" or below through permanent practices funded by this contract (refer to Florida Introduction - Resource Management Systems located in Section III RMS Guidance of eFOTG dated December 2011 for a list of these practices)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will soil erosion be reduced to "T" or below through annual practices funded by this contract? (refer to Florida Introduction - Resource Management Systems located in Section III RMS Guidance of eFOTG dated December 2011 for a list of these practices)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does acreage offered contain 33% or more of PHEL/HEL soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
SOIL HEALTH	
1. Does the RUSLE2 Worksheet Erosion Calculation Record have a Soil Condition Index (SCI) score of a least 0.0 OR will the STIR rating be equal to or less than 30 to implement a Cropping/Permanent Cover System?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will soil health be improved by implementation of practices funded by this contract (Cover Crop (340), Residue and Tillage Management (329 or 345))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
WATER QUALITY	
1. Will basic Nutrient and/or Integrated Pest Management (590, 595) be applied according to NRCS standards and specifications within the treatment area by the funding of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will Precision or Advanced Nutrient or Integrated Pest Management (590, 595) be applied according to NRCS standards and specifications within the treatment area OR will Residue Management (329, 345) be applied within 300 feet of sensitive areas (such as streams, sinkholes, or wetlands) with the funding of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the funding of this contract implement vegetative practices; Filter Strip (393), Field Border (383), Cover Crop (340) or management practices; Residue and Tillage Management (329 or 345) that will reduce sediment leaving the field?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the installation of Structure(s) for Water Control (587) (I. e. flash board risers, pipe drops, etc.) be funded by this contract that will benefit water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
WATER QUANTITY	
1. Will Irrigation Water Management Plan (449) be implemented on all irrigated acreage within the treatment area by the funding of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will irrigation efficiency be improved by upgrades to an existing irrigation system (i.e. sprinkler, micro irrigation, retrofits, land leveling) funded by this contract?	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: