

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Area One - Grazing

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Area One - Grazing		<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"/>
<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
<b>PLANT &amp; ANIMAL HEALTH - Will the funding of this contract:</b>	
1. Will T&E Fish and Wildlife Species benefit from financial assistance with these practices: Prescribed Burning (338), Brush Management (314)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will result in the reduction of invasive species (species listed on the Category I List of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List ( <a href="http://flepc.org/list/11list.html">http://flepc.org/list/11list.html</a> ))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>SOIL EROSION - Will the funding of this contract:</b>	
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"/>
<b>WATER QUALITY - Will the funding of this contract:</b>	
1. Result in the exclusion of livestock and a buffer area 300 feet from sensitive areas such as rivers, streams, sinkholes or 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 sediment, nutrient, and/or pesticides on field(s) 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"/>
<b>CONSERVATION PLAN</b>	
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"/>
<b>ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS</b>	
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"/>
4. 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"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>SOIL EROSION</b>	
2. Does acreage offered contain 33% or more of HEL/PHEL soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is gully erosion currently present and will these areas be treated to an acceptable level by the funding	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

of this contract?	
<b>WATER QUALITY</b>	
1. Are there at least 60% medium or high leach/run soils within the treatment area by the funding of this contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will livestock be excluded from sensitive areas, such as streams, wetlands or sinkholes areas, by permanent Fence (382) constructed by NRCS Standards and Specifications?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>PLANT &amp; ANIMAL HEALTH</b>	
1. Is applicant willing to plant legumes (512) in at least 1/3 of the grazing acreage or a minimum of 1 grazing field and manage it per NRCS Standards and Specifications? (Legumes planted must be NRCS -approved species for this area.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will installed practices on contracted acreage result in a minimum score of 0.50 on the Wildlife Habitat Suitability Index?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Are/will native forages (switchgrass, Indian grass, bluestem, etc.) be included in your rotational grazing plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does your livestock grazing operation include non-beef food production livestock such as sheep, goats, pastured poultry?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>PLANT &amp; ANIMAL HEALTH - Will Livestock System include one or more of the following practices installed per NRCS Standards and Specifications: Watering Facility (614), Cross Fencing (382), and/or Prescribed Grazing (528). Answer "YES" to only one question and "NO" to the remaining two.</b>	
1. Only one practice installed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Two practices installed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. All three practices installed?	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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