

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Crop - Upland (SD)

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Crop - Upland (SD)		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
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1. a. Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Nutrient Management Plan (104), Integrated Pest Management Plan (114), Pollinator Habitat Plan (146) or IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Plan (154)? 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"/>
Soil Erosion	
2. a. Does this application treat a tract unit have more than 30% of acreage in Highly Erodible Land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition	
3. a. Does this application is to implement or improve an Agroforestry system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Farming System Approach	
4. a. Does this application address two or more of the primary resource concerns of the Caribbean Area? (soil erosion, soil quality, water quality degradation, excess water, insufficient water and degraded plant condition)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Watershed Approach	
5. a. Is this project in or near a locally identified priority watershed or environmentally sensitive area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy and Climate Change	
6. a. Does this application have at least two (2) or more practices applied on the same field or fields benefiting energy conservation, carbon sequestration, and climate change?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. a. Is the program application for the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Nutrient Management Plan (104), Integrated Pest Management Plan (114), Pollinator Habitat Plan (146) or IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Plan (154)? 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"/>

Soil Erosion	
2. a. Will the application include practices to reduce soil erosion in heavy eroded areas, constructions sites, or streambanks?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Will the application include structural practices that control ephemeral and actively eroding classic gullies on the entire tract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation	
3. a. Will the application include the installation/improvement of conservation buffer (riparian buffers, riparian filter strips, or grass waterways) to improve water quality by reducing off-site movement of pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Will the application include field(s) adjacent to surface water body (rivers, lakes, creeks)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Will this application address waste composting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Excess Water	
4. a. Will the application include practices to control surface runoff or treat inadequate outlet?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Will the application include the installation/improvement of conservation buffer (field borders, riparian buffers, riparian filter strips, or grass waterways) to reduce sedimentation in water bodies?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Insufficient Water	
5. a. Will the application include a conversion from a pumped irrigation system to a piped gravity flow system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Will the application include practices that will result in an increase of pumping efficiency?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c. Will the application result in direct benefits to manage use of irrigation water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. d. Will the application include practices to improve irrigation water storage capacity or collect runoff from precipitation to manage availability of water supply?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. e. Will the application include agronomic practices to optimize irrigation water use and to reduce loss of soil moisture through evaporation or transpiration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Quality Degradation	
6. a. Will the application includes implementation of one or more soil quality or enhancing practices that address soil quality degradation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Will the applicant convert from conventional tillage to reduced tillage, or no-till on the applied acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Degraded Plant Condition	
7. a. Will the application include practices improve crop health and vigor?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Will the application includes firebreak to prevent wildfire nearby crop field(s)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife	
8. a. Will this application address inadequate habitat improvement/restoration for fish and wildlife?	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: