

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURE LAND EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP)-AGRICULTURE LAND EASEMENT  
(ALE) Ranking Sheet

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP)-AGRICULTURE  
LAND EASEMENT (ALE) Ranking Sheet

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| <b>Cooperative Entity:</b> _____ | <b>County:</b> _____    |
| <b>Date Ranked:</b> _____        | <b>Ranked by:</b> _____ |
| <b>Landowners Name:</b> _____    | _____                   |
| <b>Acres Offered:</b> _____      | _____                   |

**i. Ranking Factors**

**Eligibility- Parcel is privately owned land on a farm or ranch that is eligible in one of the following categories:**

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|----------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | Private or Tribal agricultural land on a farm or ranch subject to a written pending offer by an eligible entity <b>and</b> which meets one of the following criteria:   | Yes No<br>Has Written Offer |
| <b>2</b> | Contains at least 50% prime or unique soils;  | Yes No                      |
| <b>3</b> | Contains historical or archeological resources;   | Yes No                      |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Designated farm and ranchland of State or Local importance -</b><br>Furthers the state priority for preserving the Tall Grass Prairie ecosystem on Oklahoma (see important grasslands delineation map in Tallgrass Prairie area)                             | Yes No                      |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Designated farm and ranchland of State or Local importance</b><br>Furthers the local priority in Comanche County of restricting urban development and non-agricultural activities in the Ft. Sill buffer Area (see Fort Sill Buffer area of delineation map) | Yes No                      |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Designated farm and ranchland of State or Local importance</b><br>Furthers the local priority in Delaware County of restricting urban development and non-agricultural activities in the Eucha Spavinaw Watershed Area (see Eucha-Spavinaw delineation map)  | Yes No                      |
| <b>7</b> | Protects grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring and conserving land.   | Yes No                      |
| <b>8</b> | Furthers a State or Local government policy consistent with the purpose of ACEP-ALE.  | Yes No                      |

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| <b>National Mandated Factors</b>   |   |  |               |
|--|---|--|---------------|
| <b>(300 Points Available - 75% of Total)</b>   |   |  |               |
| Refer to ACEP-ALE ranking data for Oklahoma census and ag census figures for Ranking Factor 3,4,5 and 6. |   |  |               |
| <b>Ranking Factor and Scaling</b>  |   | <b>Ranking Points</b>  | <b>Points</b> |
| 1  | Percent of prime, and unique farmland in the parcel to be protected (National Mandate - 0 points for 50% or less)   | >75% (25)<br>50-75% (15)<br><50% (0)                               |               |
| 2  | Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (National Mandate - 0 points for 33% or less)  | >75% (25)<br>50-75% (15)<br><50% (0)                               |               |
| 3  | Ratio of total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ) (National Mandate - 0 points for a ratio of 1 or less)             | Ratio >2 (25)<br>Ratio 1-2 (15)<br>Ratio < 1 (0)                   |               |
| 4  | Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farms and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ) (National Mandate - 0 points for 0% or less)                | Decrease >25%(25)<br>Decrease 15.1-25%(15)<br>Decrease 5.1-15% (5) |               |
| 5  | Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United State Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> ) Oklahoma state growth rate = 3.4% (National Mandate - 0 points growth rate less than state growth rate)   | Growth >10% (25)<br>Growth 5-10% (15)<br>Growth <5% (0)            |               |
| 6  | Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> ) Oklahoma state population density = 54.7 (National Mandate - 0 points population density less than the state population density) | Density >250 (25)<br>Density 75-250 (15)<br>Density <75 (0)        |               |
| 7  | Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations.  | Yes (25)<br>No (0)   |               |
| 8  | Proximity of parcel to other protected land, including military installations. Protected area must be at least 160 acres in size and within 1 mile radius of the offer.   | Yes (25)<br>No (0)   |               |

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| 9   | Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure; with documented agricultural viability. Farm is located in an area with documented agricultural infrastructure. | Yes (25)<br>No (0) |          |
| 10  | Maximizes the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agriculture use.   | Yes (25)<br>No (0) |          |
| 11  | Land is currently enrolled in CRP in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year  | Yes (25)<br>No (0) |          |
| 12  | Land is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.   | Yes (25)<br>No (0) |          |
| <b>Total Points for Nationally Mandated Ranking Factors</b> |  |                    | <b>0</b> |

| <b>Oklahoma Ranking Factors</b>  |   |   |               |
|--|---|---|---------------|
| <b>(100 Points Available -25% of Total)</b>  |   |   |               |
| <b>Ranking Factor and Scaling</b>  |   | <b>Ranking Points</b>                           | <b>Points</b> |
| 1  | Percent of incidental lands in the parcel to be protected.  | <10% (10)<br>10-25% (5)<br>>25% (0)             |               |
| 2  | Acres of restoration work needed as percent of easement area.   | 0% (25)<br>1-25% (15)<br>26-75% (5)<br>>75% (0) |               |
| 3  | Closing efficiency on prior cooperative agreements as a percentage of the total funds obligated to agreements. Organizations with no previous history of ACEP-ALE work in Oklahoma will be given 25 points. | >75% (25)<br>50-75% (15)<br><50% (0)            |               |
| 4  | Existence of a farm or ranch conservation plan developed by NRCS and approved by the Conservation District on file in the local Field Office.   | RMS (10)<br>Progressive (5)<br>No Plan (0)      |               |
| 5  | Percentage of parcel with historically undisturbed native rangeland.  | >75% (30)<br>50-75% (20)<br><50% (0)            |               |
| <b>Total Points for Oklahoma Ranking Factors</b>                                   |   |   |               |
| <b>ACEP-ALE Ranking - total Points (National ranking points + Oklahoma points)</b> |   |   | <b>0</b>      |

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