

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
FY12 Seasonal High Tunnels**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> FY12 Seasonal High Tunnels		<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
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Construct or improve watershed management or irrigation structures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	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:	
2. a. Plant trees to form windbreaks?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	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:	
4. a. Benefit 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"/>
4. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits 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: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Transition to organic farming?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Strategic Initiative - Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
7. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
8. a. If the applicant has an existing AMA contract, has it been, and it is now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Is this the applicant’s first AMA application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer all of the following questions that apply regarding the project's impact on addressing resource concerns. Maximum points 300.	
1. a The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Conservation Crop Rotation (328) or supports an existing conservation crop rotation which meets FOTG quality criteria.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Nutrient Management (590) or supports an existing Nutrient Management plan which meets FOTG quality criteria to reduce the risk of nutrients moving offsite.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Integrated Pest Management (595) or supports an existing pest management plan which meets FOTG quality criteria to reduce the risk of pesticides moving offsite or other risks associated with cultural or biological pest suppressions.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Irrigation Water Management (449) or supports an existing irrigation management plan that meets FOTG quality criteria.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices or supports the use of existing practices (such as; cover crops, residue management, and residue and tillage management) which will result in a positive Soil Condition Index (SCI) score as determined by RUSLE II.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer one of the following questions regarding the project's impact on energy use through local consumption. Maximum points 100.	
2. a Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 50 miles of the site.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 50 to 100 miles of the site.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 100 to 150 miles of the site.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will products from the application acreage be marketed 50 miles or less from the production site?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will products from the application acreage be marketed over 50 but less than 100 miles from the production site?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Are non-chemical pest control methods planned on the application acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is practice 449, irrigation water management planned on the acreage in the application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the proposed contract help reduce production risks through operation diversification?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the proposed treatments reduce crop damage using passive, organic measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the applicant agree to complete all practices in the first three years of the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices

**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>

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:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>