

Ranking Tool Summary

for FY2007 - Southern LWG

(Draft)

Description:

Land Uses:

Crop, Forest, Hay, Headquarters, Natural Area, Pasture, Wildlife

Efficiency Score:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 75	Medium: 74 - 50	Low: 49 - 25
The application addresses most resource concerns.	The application addresses some resource concerns	The application addresses few resource concerns.

National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 30 - 24	Medium: 23 - 12	Low: 11 - 6
The application addresses at least four national resource concerns.	The application addresses two or three national resource concerns	The application addresses one national resource concern.

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	6

2	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?	6
3	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	6
4	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	6
5	Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	6
	Total Points	30

State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 30 - 24	Medium: 23 - 12	Low: 11 - 6
The application addresses at least four state resource concerns.	The application addresses two or three state resource concerns	The application addresses one state resource concern.

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will implementation of the items in the EQIP contract bring the management of the associated land unit to the RMS level?	6
2	Is the land unit specified in this application covered under an existing conservation plan which includes the practices to be included in the EQIP contract?	6
3	Will the implementation of the EQIP contract address resource concerns associated with livestock which are overwintered on the land unit.	6
4	Has the applicant completed , without cancellation or termination except for NRCS reasons, all Farm Bill Program contracts held prior to this application? Answer yes if this is the first contract for this applicant.	6

5	Is the applicant completing contract items as scheduled in all existing contracts held by the applicant? Answer yes if this is the first contract for this applicant.	6
	Total Points	30

Local Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.00

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 40 - 31	Medium: 30 - 11	Low: 10 - 0
The application addresses at least four local resource concerns.	The application addresses two or three local resource concerns.	The application addresses one local resource concern.

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the items installed through the contract facilitate increasing the level of management on grasslands to a rotational grazing system or a management intensive grazing system?	10
2	Are the livestock enterprises on the proposed contract acreage primarily for the production of food and fiber?	10
3	Is more than 50% of the household income for this applicant derived from the farm enterprises associated with this application?	10
4	Did this applicant have a ranked application from prior years that has not yet been funded?	10
	Total Points	40

Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:

Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage

- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Use Exclusion (472)
- Waste Utilization (633)

Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water

- Pipeline (516)
- Pond (378)
- Pumping Plant (533)
- Spring Development (574)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Water Harvesting Catchment (636)
- Water Well (642)
- Watering Facility (614)

Plant Condition: Forage Quality and Palatability

- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Pest Management (595)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Use Exclusion (472)

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants

- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Pest Management (595)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)

Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited

- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Pest Management (595)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Use Exclusion (472)

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor

- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Diversion (362)
- Grassed Waterway (412)
- Irrigation System, Microirrigation (441)
- Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442)
- Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, H (430DD)

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Irrigation Water Management (449)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Pest Management (595)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Use Exclusion (472)

Soil Condition: Compaction

Animal Trails and Walkways (575)

Cover Crop (340)

Critical Area Planting (342)

Forest Trails and Landings (655)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Riparian Forest Buffer (391)

Spring Development (574)

Stream Crossing (578)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Use Exclusion (472)

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)

Soil Erosion: Ephemeral Gully

Access Road (560)

Critical Area Planting (342)

Diversion (362)

Forest Trails and Landings (655)

Grassed Waterway (412)

Heavy Use Area Protection (561)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Pond (378)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Roof Runoff Structure (558)

Stream Crossing (578)

Use Exclusion (472)

Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill

Access Road (560)

Cover Crop (340)

Critical Area Planting (342)

Diversion (362)

Field Border (386)

Filter Strip (393)

Forest Trails and Landings (655)

Heavy Use Area Protection (561)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

- Pest Management (595)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Use Exclusion (472)

Soil Erosion: Streambank

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Use Exclusion (472)

Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Field Border (386)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Grassed Waterway (412)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Pasture and Hay Planting (512)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
- Roof Runoff Structure (558)
- Spring Development (574)
- Stream Crossing (578)
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Use Exclusion (472)
- Waste Storage Facility (313)
- Waste Utilization (633)

Water Quantity: Reduced Storage of Water Bodies by Sediment Accumulation

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Cover Crop (340)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Diversion (362)
- Filter Strip (393)
- Forest Trails and Landings (655)
- Grassed Waterway (412)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Pond (378)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)

Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
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Water Well (642)
Watering Facility (614)

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