

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
Forestry**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Applicator
Ranking Tool: Forestry		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.	250 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	15 Point(s)
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	5 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	15 Point(s)

3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	15 Point(s)
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	5 Point(s)
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	5 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	10 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	
7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	10 Point(s)
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	5 Point(s)
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10 Point(s)

7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	10 Point(s)
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	5 Point(s)
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15 Point(s)
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	10 Point(s)
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	10 Point(s)
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	5 Point(s)
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 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 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	400 Point(s)
2. The area proposed for forestry practices has a red oak site index over 80.	200 Point(s)
3. The area proposed for forestry practices has a red oak site index of 70 to 80.	125 Point(s)
4. The area proposed for forestry practices has a red oak site index of 60 to 69.	75 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 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 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	250 Point(s)
2. At the time of application, the participant has a site specific forest management plan which includes the proposed forestry practices, prepared by a professional resource manager as designated by NRCS or a WV registered professional forester	100 Point(s)
3. The area is protected from destructive livestock grazing at the time of application.	100 Point(s)
4. The area will be protected from destructive livestock grazing as part of the proposed forestry project.	50 Point(s)

Land Use:

Forest;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Access Control
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Fence
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Forest Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Forest Stand Improvement
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Herbaceous Weed Control
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Access Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Fence
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forest Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forest Stand Improvement
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Herbaceous Weed Control

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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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 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:

Number:
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