

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
Monongahela Grassland**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Applicator
Ranking Tool: Monongahela Grassland		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. Are there livestock feeding areas with unfiltered flow into water bodies on the land unit?	40 Point(s)
3. Is the land unit located on Karst topography with sink holes lacking protection from Agricultural wastes or pesticides?	40 Point(s)

4. Will practices be installed in the proposed contract to increase the organic matter content in soils on the land unit?	20 Point(s)
5. Does the operation require a CAFO permit?	40 Point(s)
6. Will cover crops be employed to sequester nutrients, reduce erosion and reduce compaction?	40 Point(s)
7. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a high quality stream (see list).	40 Point(s)
8. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a stream listed as impaired by agricultural contaminants?	40 Point(s)
9. If manure is applied, will it be incorporated to prevent runoff?	20 Point(s)
10. Will the contract include practices to establish or increase riparian buffers?	40 Point(s)
11. Does the applicant agree to complete all practices in the contract in three years or less?	40 Point(s)
12. Is this the first contract for this applicant?	40 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. Will the items installed through the contract help to control the presence and spread of unwanted invasive species on the operating unit?	30 Point(s)
3. Will livestock be excluded from environmentally sensitive areas on the operating unit with measures implemented under this contract?	75 Point(s)
4. Is the quantity or distribution of livestock water inadequate for the quantity for forage produced, or is distribution of livestock water inadequate for the intended grazing system?	30 Point(s)
5. Is production of food and fiber the primary use of livestock on the contract acreage?	15 Point(s)
6. Will grasslands covered under this application be managed in accordance with the NRCS 528 standards and specifications?	15 Point(s)
7. Will this contract include installation of pasture division fencing to improve grazing management:	30 Point(s)

8. Will this contract include practices which will help extend the grazing season and reduce feeding periods as part of a grazing system?	40 Point(s)
9. Will forage quality and quantity be improved by pasture plantings on a least 10 percent of the contract acres?	15 Point(s)

Land Use:

Crop;

Forest;

Hay;

Headquarters;

Pasture;

Wildlife;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Fishpond Management
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Livestock Pipeline
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pond
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pond Sealing - Clay Treatment
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membran
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Pumping Plant
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Roof Runoff Structure
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Spring Development
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Stream Crossing
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Structure for Water Control
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Water Harvesting Catchment
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Water Well
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Water Well Decommissioning
Domestic Animals: Inadequate Stock Water	Watering Facility
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Access Control
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Composting Facility
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan -
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Conservation Cover
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Conservation Crop Rotation
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Cover Crop
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Critical Area Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Early Successional Habitat Development/M
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Field Border
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Filter Strip
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forage and Biomass Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forage Harvest Management

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forest Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forest Stand Improvement
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Grazing Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Heavy Use Area Protection
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Hedgerow Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Herbaceous Weed Control
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Integrated Pest Management
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Irrigation Water Management
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Writt
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Mulching
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Prescribed Grazing
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Riparian Forest Buffer
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Roof Runoff Structure
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Roofs and Covers
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Access Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Access Road
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Agrichemical Handling Facility
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Brush Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan -
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Conservation Cover
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Conservation Crop Rotation
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Cover Crop
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Critical Area Planting
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Diversion
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Drainage Water Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Drainage Water Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Early Successional Habitat Development/M

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Fence
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Field Border
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Filter Strip
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forage and Biomass Planting
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forage Harvest Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Forest Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Grassed Waterway
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Grazing Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Heavy Use Area Protection
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Hedgerow Planting
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Herbaceous Weed Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Integrated Pest Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation Pipeline
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, H
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Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation Water Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Writt
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Mulching
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Nutrient Management
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Nutrient Management Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pond

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pond Sealing - Clay Treatment
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealan
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membran
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Prescribed Grazing
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Pumping Plant
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Riparian Forest Buffer
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Roof Runoff Structure
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Roofs and Covers
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Spring Development
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Stream Habitat Improvement and Managemen
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Stripcropping
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Structure for Water Control
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Subsurface Drain
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Surface Drain, Field Ditch
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Surface Drain, Main or Lateral
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	Underground Outlet
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Vegetated Treatment Area
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Vegetative Barrier
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Waste Facility Closure
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Waste Recycling
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Waste Storage Facility

Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Water Harvesting Catchment
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Water Well
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Water Well Decommissioning
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Watering Facility
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Agrichemical Handling Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Animal Mortality Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Animal Trails and Walkways
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Composting Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan -
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Conservation Cover
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Conservation Crop Rotation
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Drainage Water Management
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Drainage Water Management Plan - Written
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Fence
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation Water Management
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation Water Management Plan - Writt
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Karst Sinkhole Treatment
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Lined Waterway or Outlet
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Mulching
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Nutrient Management
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Prescribed Grazing
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Residue Management, Seasonal
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Residue Mgmt, Mulch Till
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Residue Mgmt-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct S
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Riparian Forest Buffer
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Ranking Score

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

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:

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