

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary
Northern Panhandle Animal Waste Management**

Program: EQIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Applicator
Ranking Tool: Northern Panhandle Animal Waste Management		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?	40 Point(s)
10. Will the contract include practices to establish or increase riparian buffers?	20 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. In the proposed contract acreage, is there a livestock feeding structure or feeding area located within 200 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream that is negatively impacting that stream?	40 Point(s)
3. Is an animal waste storage needed to address environmental issues associated with animal waste management on the proposed contract acreage?	40 Point(s)
4. Will items installed through this contract reduce surface water contamination from nutrients and organics?	40 Point(s)
5. Will implementing this contract correct soil and water quality degradation associated with over-wintering livestock on grassland fields?	40 Point(s)
6. Will the contract be written with a life span of 3 years or less?	40 Point(s)

7. Does the applicant have soil tests that are less than 3 years old for all fields in the application file at the time of ranking?	50 Point(s)
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Land Use:

Crop;

Forest;

Hay;

Headquarters;

Pasture;

Wildlife;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Access Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Access Road
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	Brush Management
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
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Cover Crop
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Critical Area Planting
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Diversion
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
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Field Border
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Filter Strip
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Forage and Biomass Planting

Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Forage Harvest Management
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Forest Management Plan - Written
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Grade Stabilization Structure
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Grassed Waterway
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Grazing Management Plan - Written
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Heavy Use Area Protection
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Herbaceous Weed Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Integrated Pest Management
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Integrated Pest Management Plan - Writte
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	Mulching
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Nutrient Management
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Nutrient Management Plan - Written
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written
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
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Roof Runoff Structure
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Roofs and Covers
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Spring Development
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Stream Crossing

Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Stripcropping
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Structure for Water Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Subsurface Drain
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Underground Outlet
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Vegetated Treatment Area
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Facility Closure
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Recycling
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Storage Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Transfer

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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