



**Farm & Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP)  
Ranking Factors**

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<b>Participant Name:</b>		<b>Entity:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>County:</b>	
National Factors			
Ranking Factor and Scaling		Maximum	Points
1. Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 2 points for every percent above 50 percent) <b>(Eligibility Criteria)</b>		100	
2. Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 1.5 points for every percent above 33 percent) <b>(Eligibility Criteria)</b>		100	
3. Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ) (0 points for a ratio of 0.5 or less; 20 points for a ratio of 0.5 and 1.0; 20 points plus 1 point per acre for a ratio of 1.0 or greater)		200	
4. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture ( <a href="http://www.agcensus.usda.gov">www.agcensus.usda.gov</a> ) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 1 point for every percent of decrease up to 9.9 percent. 0 points for decrease of more than 10 percent)		10	
5. Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> ) (0 points for growth rate less than state growth rate, 5 points for growth rate 1 to 1.66 times state growth rate, 10 points for growth rate 1.67 to 2.33 times state growth rate, 15 points for growth rate 2.34 to 3 times state growth rate, 0 points for growth rate greater than 3 times state growth rate)		15	
6. Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census ( <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> ) (0 points for population density less than state population density, 10 points for population density of 1 to 2 times state population density, 15 points for population density of 2 to 3 times state population density, 5 points for population density of more than 3 times state population density)		15	
<b>Sub-total Points for National Ranking Factors</b>		<b>440</b>	
Other National Criteria with no Mandate			
7. Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations (0 points for no protected land within one mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 20 points for each protected parcel within one mile of the boundaries of the parcel)		60	
8. Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure (0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land within one mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 0 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within one mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 0 points for 500 acres or more of protected land within one mile of the boundaries of the parcel)		0	
<b>Sub-total Points for all National Ranking Factors</b>		<b>500</b>	



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**State Ranking Factors**

Multifunctional Benefits		
1. Archaeological	25	
2. Historic	25	
Environmental Diversity		
1. Endangered and/or threatened species	25	
2. Major Streams and/or Natural Springs	25	
3. Caves and sink-holes	25	
Parcel Factors		
1. Priority of farm in county ranking (total number of points available for all applications by an FPB in annual offering is 75)	75	
2. Size relative to average farm size for the county (1 point for each acre greater than average farm size)	25	
3. Total farm offered for easement	25	
4. Prime, unique and important soils (1 point per acre)	250	
<b>Sub-Total Points for State Ranking Factors</b>	<b>500</b>	

<b>Total Points for National and State Ranking Factors</b>	<b>1000</b>	
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