

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SE Area Counties

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> SE Cropland		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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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.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
2. This application will result in the application of all the measures of an existing CNMP or other Activity-Based Plan. (45 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. This application will result in the following four (4) items implemented as a system on the same land unit in at least 3 consecutive years (50 points) a. (329) - Continuous No-Till meeting the 329 standard; b. (590) - Nutrient Management meeting the 590 standard (No fall commercial nitrogen applications for spring-seeded crops unless an inhibitor is used; DAP and MAP are allowed, but not on frozen or snow-covered ground); c. (340) - Cover Crops (unharvested); d. (327/342/386/390/391/393) - Buffers adjacent to all water bodies and on at least 2% of the land unit acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. This application will address a ground or surface water quality concern in a 303(d) watershed or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment using the FY13 Ranking Tool (Question 3(1) or Question 3(2)). (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more identified priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool and the application includes practices that will address one or more of those concerns. (35 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. This application includes one or more practices that will address an identified surface water quality resource concern and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool. (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. This application includes one or more practices that address an identified groundwater quality resource concern and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region OR the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher as identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. This application is based on a conservation plan that has been approved by the producer (signed) prior to October 1, 2012. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. This application will address an existing invasives species concern and where applicable will occur in concert with neighboring landowners also addressing invasive species. (20 points) a. To receive points for this question, one of the following must apply: i. applicant's treatment area is adjacent to neighboring areas with invasive species concerns, and all parties have a signed Conservation Plan/Forest Management Plan to treat invasive species (314, 315, or 595). ii. applicant's treatment area is isolated from other similar habitat (e.g. wooded area surrounded by crop fields). In these cases, points can be awarded without neighbor collaboration.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. This application will address an existing resource concern caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic). (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

11. This application will address existing resource concerns using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for vegetative practices. (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. This application is from an applicant (by Tax ID number) who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing. (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. This application includes less than three (3) contract items OR all practices under contract are scheduled to be completed within two years of the obligation date? (20 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. This application includes one of the following practices: 340, 554, 647, 592, 449, 590, 595, 528, 329, 345, 585, 633, and/or 644 and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years. (30 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? (-200 Points) a. A violation must be noted in the assistance notes, NRCS-CPA-13, NRCS-CPA-153, or Indiana Corrective Action Plan. A contract cancellation due to documented hardship does not meet this criteria.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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#### Local Issues Addressed

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This application will address the most important local resource priority. (57 Points)	
1. Soil Erosion – Sheet, Rill and Wind: Bartholomew, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Henry, Jackson, Orange, Ripley, Scott SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Harrison SQD – Compaction: Union WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Jefferson WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Rush Livestock Production – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Lawrence Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Ohio, Switzerland Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Shelby	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the second-most important local resource priority. (40 Points)	
1. WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Bartholomew, Franklin, Hancock, Orange Soil Erosion – Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Clark, Jackson Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Henry, Ripley Soil Erosion – Sheet, Rill and Wind: Rush, Union Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Crawford Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Dearborn, Harrison, Scott SQD – Compaction: Decatur, Fayette, Shelby Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Floyd Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Livestock Water: Jefferson, Lawrence Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Ohio, Switzerland	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the third-most important local resource priority. (35 Points)	
1. Soil Erosion – Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Bartholomew, Franklin, Scott Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Crawford, Fayette Soil Erosion – Sheet, Rill and Wind: Harrison, Jefferson, Switzerland Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Clark WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Dearborn, Hancock WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Floyd, Ripley, Union WQD – Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Waters: Orange Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Decatur Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Lawrence, Shelby SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Henry,	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Rush SQD – Compaction: Jackson, Ohio	
This application will address the fourth-most important local resource priority. (30 Points)	
1. WQD – Excessive Sediments in Surface Waters: Bartholomew, Jackson, Ripley WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Clark WQD – Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Waters: Union Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Crawford, Orange Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Floyd Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition: Lawrence Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Dearborn, Franklin, Harrison, Jefferson, Scott Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Decatur, Hancock Soil Erosion – Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Fayette, Henry, Rush Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Ohio, Switzerland Priority Watershed1-14 digit HUC Selected: 05120204040070: Shelby	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the fifth-most important local resource priority. (25 Points)	
1. SQD – Compaction: Bartholomew, Henry, Rush SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Crawford, Lawrence, Ripley, Union Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Clark Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Livestock Water: Dearborn, Harrison Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Decatur, Jackson WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Fayette, Jefferson, Ohio, Orange, Switzerland WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Franklin, Scott WQD – Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications: Shelby Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Floyd, Hancock	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the sixth-most important local resource priority. (20 Points)	
1. Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Bartholomew, Henry, Jefferson DPC – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Clark DPC – Inadequate Structure and Composition: Crawford DPC – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Scott SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Dearborn, Fayette, Hancock, Ohio WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Decatur, Harrison WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Switzerland Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Floyd, Union Soil Erosion – Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Lawrence Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Livestock Water: Franklin Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Jackson, Orange Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations: Ripley Inefficient Energy Use – Equipment and Facilities: Rush Priority Watershed2-14 digit HUC Selected: 05120204030060: Shelby	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the seventh-most important local resource priority. (17 Points)	
1. SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Bartholomew, Jackson SQD – Compaction: Jefferson Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Clark Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Crawford, Ripley Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Livestock Water: Ohio, Switzerland WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Dearborn, Henry, Shelby WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Fayette, Floyd, Rush WQD – Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Waters: Hancock WQD – Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications: Orange Excess/Insufficient Water – Ponding, Flooding, Seasonal High Water Table, Seeps, Drifted Snow: Decatur, Scott Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Franklin, Lawrence Soil Erosion – Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Harrison Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations: Union	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the eighth-most important local resource priority. (12 Points)	
1. Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Bartholomew WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Clark, Henry, Ohio WQD – Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Waters: Fayette, Shelby WQD – Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications: Union Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Livestock Water: Crawford, Floyd, Ripley SQD – Compaction: Dearborn, Harrison, Switzerland SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Franklin, Jefferson SQD – Subsidence: Lawrence Excess/Insufficient Water – Inefficient Moisture Management: Decatur Excess/Insufficient Water – Ponding, Flooding, Seasonal High Water Table, Seeps, Drifted Snow: Jackson, Rush Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations: Hancock Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Orange Degraded Plant Condition – Inadequate Structure and Composition: Scott	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
This application will address the ninth-most important local resource priority. (9 Points)	
1. Degraded Plant Condition – Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health: Bartholomew Degraded Plant Condition – Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Fayette, Lawrence Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Livestock Water: Clark, Jackson, Scott WQD – Excessive Sediments in Surface Waters:	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

<p>Crawford, Shelby WQD –Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Waters: Henry,Ripley Soil Erosion – Concentrated Flow: Dearborn, Franklin, Harrison, Orange Soil Erosion – Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Decatur SQD – Organic Matter Depletion: Floyd, Switzerland SQD –Compaction: Hancock SQD –Subsidence: Jefferson Air Quality Impacts –Emissions of Greenhouse Gasses (GHGs): Ohio, Union Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Rush</p>	
<p>This application will address the tenth-most important local resource priority. (5 Points)</p>	
<p>1. WQD – Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications: Bartholomew WQD – Pesticides Transported to Surface and Ground Water: Crawford WQD – Excess Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters: Jackson, Scott WQD – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Orange Excess/Insufficient Water – Ponding, Flooding, Seasonal High Water Table, Seeps, Drifted Snow: Clark, Dearborn, Henry DPC – Inadequate Structure and Composition: Decatur, Harrison DPC –Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Jefferson Fish and Wildlife – Habitat Degradation: Fayette, Ripley Livestock Production Limitation – Inadequate Feed and Forage: Floyd SQD – Compaction: Franklin, Lawrence Livestock Production Limitation –Inadequate Livestock Water: Hancock, Rush, Union Soil Erosion – Sheet, Rill and Wind: Ohio Soil Erosion –Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams or Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels: Shelby Air Quality Impacts – Emissions of Greenhouse Gasses (GHGs): Switzerland</p>	<p>Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/></p>

**Land Use:**

<p><b>Resource Concerns</b></p>	<p><b>Practices</b></p>
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**Ranking Score**

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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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 your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>  <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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