Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

OAI

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: OAI		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes O or No O
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes O or No O

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes O or No O
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in water conservation treatment (water quality / water quantity) within a priority area identified in the Ogallala Initiative?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in nutrient management that exceeds the minimum requirements of NRCS Practice Standard 590 including the use of variable rate technologies for nutrient application using computer controlled equipment that adjusts fertilizer application based on management zones or grids?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in wetlands being created, restored or enhanced to allow aquifer recharge?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding EQIP result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated non-irrigated land on 100% of the total contract acres?	Yes O or No O
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding EQIP result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 50% of the total contract acres?	Yes O or No O
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding EQIP result in conversion from irrigated land to non-irrigated land on at least 5% of the total contract acres?	Yes O or No O
7. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in conversion from a surface irrigation to a micro-irrigation system? Surface irrigation is defined as irrigation by means of a gravity distribution system (e.g. furrow, flood, graded border, level basin).	Yes O or No O
8. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in conversion from a surface irrigation to a low-pressure/improved sprinkler irrigation system? Surface irrigation is defined as irrigation by means of a gravity distribution system (e.g. furrow, flood, graded border, level basin).	Yes O or No O
9. Will the treatment you intend to implement using Ogallala Initiative EQIP funding result in minimum 20% irrigation system efficiency improvement due to a conversion from a lower efficient irrigation system to a higher efficient irrigation system?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Irrigation System Improvement	
1. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Subsurface Drip system from a flood system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
2. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Subsurface Drip system from a gated pipe system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
3. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Subsurface Drip system from a high pressure (>50 psi) impact sprinkler (traveling sprinkler, side-roll, high pressure center pivot) system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
4. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Subsurface Drip system from a low pressure nozzle (15-45 psi) center pivot sprinkler system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
5. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Low Pressure nozzle (15-45 psi) Center Pivot sprinkler system from a flood system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O

6. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Low Pressure nozzle (15-45 psi) Center Pivot sprinkler system from a gated pipe system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
7. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Low Pressure nozzle (15-45 psi) Center Pivot sprinkler system from a high pressure (>50 psi) impact sprinkler (traveling sprinkler, side-roll, high pressure center pivot) system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
8. Will the irrigation system be converted to a high pressure (>50 psi) Impact Sprinkler (traveling sprinkler, side-roll, high pressure center pivot) system from a flood system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
9. Will the irrigation system be converted to a high pressure (>50 psi) Impact Sprinkler (traveling sprinkler, side-roll, high pressure center pivot) system from a gated pipe system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
10. Will the irrigation system be converted to a Gated Pipe system from a flood system? (system on the predominant acres)	Yes O or No O
New Ditch Lining or Irrigation Pipeline	
11. Will a new Ditch Lining or Irrigation Pipeline be constructed to replace/improve a ditch or pipeline on a sandy, loamy sand, sandy loam, loam or silty loam soil type? (water delivered to the field - based on predominant soil type) Answer no if any "yes" answers given on questions 1-10.	Yes O or No O
12. Will a new Ditch Lining or Irrigation Pipeline be constructed to replace/improve a ditch or pipeline on a sandy clay loam, clay loam, silt, silty clay, or silty clay loam soil type? (water delivered to the field - based on predominant soil type) Answer no if any "yes" answers given on questions 1-10.	Yes O or No O
13. Will a new Ditch Lining or Irrigation Pipeline be constructed to replace/improve a ditch or pipeline on a sandy clay loam, clay loam, silt, silty clay, or silty clay loam soil type? (water delivered to the field - based on predominant soil type) Answer no if any "yes" answers given on questions 1-10.	Yes O or No O
Land Conversion (5yr) - Irrigated to Non-irrigated	
14. Are the contracted acres to be converted to dryland cropping or perennial vegetation, and is the water source a Surface Diversion?	Yes O or No O
15. Are the contracted acres to be converted to dryland cropping or perennial vegetation, and is the water source Ground Water?	Yes O or No O
16. Is the land to be converted to Perennial Vegetation?	Yes O or No O
17. Is the land to be converted to Dryland cropping?	Yes O or No O
18. Will the participant convert the land to non-irrigated perennial vegetation under a long-term (5yr) conversion, and implement Prescribed Grazing (528) or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)?	Yes O or No O
Irrigation Water Management	
19. Irrigation Water Management: Will the participant carry out Irrigation Water Management (449) using Soil Moisture Monitoring, Record Keeping, and a System Measuring Device? Soil moisture Monitoring - gypsum blocks, ET, tensiometer, hand-feel method; Record Keeping - must include H2O applied, rainfall, consumptive use, and soil moisture storage; System Measuring Device - weir, flume, flowmeter, or Certified Power Consumption Coefficient Test.	Yes O or No O
20. Moisture Management: Will the participant carry out No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed (329) to manage moisture on 100% of the cropland acres?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

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:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**