

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Rio Grande WS - Cropland/Soil Management

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Rio Grande WS - Cropland/Soil Management	<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
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 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:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	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:	
5. a. Benefit 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"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits 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: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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 <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project improve habitat for a wildlife species currently categorized as a State or Federal T&E species, Federal Candidate or Proposed species, or State Species of Concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Has the applicant implemented a progressive or an RMS conservation plan that was developed within the last 5 years and practices to be contracted and applied will result in a RMS or better?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will an applicant who has not yet had an EQIP contract or worked with NRCS to develop a progressive conservation plan) implement a progressive or RMS conservation plan that reduces wind &/or water erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Has applicant completed previous contracts?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is this the applicant's first EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the applicant willing to make adjustments to the cropping rotation to reduce average consumptive use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is there a change from the traditional vegetable/potato/grain rotation to increase soil health by diversifying crop rotation or use cover crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is there a change from the tradition alfalfa/grain rotation to increase soil health by diversifying crop rotations or use cover crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is there a change from the tradition continuous grain (includes canola) rotation to increase soil health by diversifying crop rotations or use cover crops?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will soil health on pastureland be improved by implementing (340) cover crop which will be grazed in lieu of haying prior to a new seeding?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will contract implement (590) nutrient management by using compost or manure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the contract implement (346) seasonal residue or mulch till to leave an additional 25% residue from historical levels by reducing tillage or eliminating baling?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will the contract implement a (340) cover crops will be 2 to 4 species cocktail?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will the contract implement a (340) cover crops with a cocktail equal to or greater than 5 species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Is the weighted Soil Erodibility (I, tons/ acre) greater than or equal to 134?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Is the weighted soil erodibility (I, tons/ac) greater than or equal to 86 but less than 134?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Is planting permanent cover (550, 512, 327) in the contract on idle cropland acreage in pivot corners and participant will mow all corners and/or use herbicides for weed control rather than annual tillage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

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

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

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