

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary  
EQIP General FA

<b>Program:</b> EQIP 2002	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> EQIP General FA		<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
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	10 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	10 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	10 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	10 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	10 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
<b>PRIORITY 1</b>	
1. Has a RMS conservation farm plan been completed on the entire parcel of property being offered under the application prior to October 1, 2007?	35 Point(s)

2. Has a progressive conservation farm plan been completed on the entire parcel of property being offered under the application prior to October 1, 2007?	33 Point(s)
3. Has the applicant successfully completed all previous contracts offered? (Answer YES if applicant has never had a contract cancelled, terminated, or is actively applying (on schedule) any existing contracts not yet completed.)	30 Point(s)
4. Does this application address multiple resource concerns?	30 Point(s)
5. Will the length of this contract be three (3) or less years?	35 Point(s)
<b>PRIORITY 2</b>	
6. Is the majority of the land offered in this application in a watershed identified by the SCDHEC as an impaired watershed (listed on the 303d list)?	20 Point(s)
7. Does this application contain at least one (1) practice that directly benefits threatened and endangered or at-risk wildlife species (plant or animal) as identified by NRCS, South Carolina DNR, and/or the US Fish and Wildlife Service?	20 Point(s)
8. Does this application contain practices that exclude cattle or other livestock from environmentally sensitive areas, such as; wetlands, streams and riparian stream buffers, etc.? (Mark no if no livestock are present)	22 Point(s)
<b>PRIORITY 3</b>	
9. Are all of the practices planned on cropland or grassland in this application benefiting Highly Erodible (HEL) fields?	10 Point(s)
10. Is at least one (1), but not all, of the practices planned on cropland or grassland in this application benefiting Highly Erodible (HEL) fields?	5 Point(s)
11. Is the majority of the land offered in this application in a watershed with an existing 319 project?	10 Point(s)

12. Does at least one (1) practice in this application benefit livestock related resource needs EXCLUDING confined animal waste resource concerns? (NOTE: Animal waste concerns are addressed under a separate application.)	10 Point(s)
13. If approved, will this be the first contract offered to this applicant?	10 Point(s)
14. Does the application contain practices (enduring practices) other than “incentive only” practices?	15 Point(s)
15. Did the applicant certify as a Limited Resource Producer on the CCC 1202 Form?	1000 Point(s)

**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>Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>
<b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Signature Date:</b>