

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
EQIP General FA

Program: EQIP 2009	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: EQIP General FA - Organics and Specialty Crops		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the length of the contract be three (3) or less years with two (2) or less years of cost share and one (1) year of maintenance?	
2. Has an RMS conservation farm plan been completed prior to August 1, 2008, on the parcel offered for the program contract?	
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.)	
4. If approved, will this be the first contract offered to this applicant?	
5. Is this application from a certified organic farm?	
6. Is this application from a producer of documented culturally sensitive crops or heirloom crops? (Unique to certain cultures or groups)	
7. Will this application contain practices that exclude cattle or other livestock from environmentally sensitive areas. (Examples are wetlands, stream side slopes, streams, and riparian stream buffers)? Mark no if no livestock are present	
8. Will the majority of the land offered in this application lie in a watershed designated on SCDHEC's 303d list of impaired watersheds or is in a watershed with an existing 319 project?	

9. Will this application contain at least one (1) practice that treats highly erodible fields or gullied areas?	
10. Will this application include water conserving practices for the operation?	
11. Will this application have practices that include buffers, field borders, invasive species control, or culturally sensitive crops?	
12. Will this application have 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?	
13. Will this application have at least two (2) or more practices applied on the same field or fields benefiting energy conservation, carbon sequestration, and climate change? (Use the energy practice list to identify approved practices)	
14. Has the applicant attended or completed an education event within the past year? (Examples are a field day, seminar, work shop, class room course, or others)	
15. Does the application include practices that benefit pollinators?	
16. Will this application contain practices that improve the soil conditionig index by a minimum of 0.25?	
17. Is the applicant currently using some form of alternative fuel in the operation?	

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:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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