

**Natural Resources  
Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary  
CNMP Conservation Activity Plan**

<b>Program:</b> EQIP 2014	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> CNMP Conservation Activity Plan		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
<p>If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.</p>	
<p>1. 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.</p>	250 Point(s)
<p><b>Water Quality Degradation</b> – Will the proposed project improve water quality by (select all that apply):</p>	
<p>2a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?</p>	15 Point(s)
<p>2b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?</p>	10 Point(s)
<p>2c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?</p>	10 Point(s)
<p>2d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?</p>	10 Point(s)

2e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10 Point(s)
<b>Water Conservation</b> – Will the proposed project conserve water by (select all that apply):	
3a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft?	15 Point(s)
3b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10 Point(s)
3c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
3d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	10 Point(s)
<b>Air Quality</b> - Will the proposed project improve air quality by (select all that apply):	
4a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10 Point(s)
4b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10 Point(s)
4c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ), and nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O)?	10 Point(s)
4d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)
<b>Soil Health</b> – Will the proposed project improve soil health by (select all that apply):	
5a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	10 Point(s)
5b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10 Point(s)
<b>Wildlife Habitat</b> – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by (select all that apply):	
6a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern?	10 Point(s)

6b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10 Point(s)
6c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10 Point(s)
6d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10 Point(s)
<b>Plant and Animal Communities</b> – Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by (select all that apply):	
7a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10 Point(s)
<b>Energy Conservation</b> – Will the proposed project reduce energy use by (select all that apply):	
8a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10 Point(s)
8b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10 Point(s)
<b>Business Lines</b> – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	10 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Answer YES if applicant has NEVER had an EQIP contract?	25 Point(s)
2. Are you spreading 100% of the nutrients that are generated by your farm on land that is under your control and covered in this CNMP?	225 Point(s)
3. Are you spreading between 75% and 100% of the nutrients that are generated by your farm on land that is under your control and covered in this CNMP?	150 Point(s)

4. Are you spreading between 50% and 75% of the nutrients that are generated by your farm on land that is under your control and covered in this CNMP?	100 Point(s)
5. Are you spreading less than 50% of the nutrients that are generated by your farm on land that is under your control and covered in this CNMP?	20 Point(s)
6. Are you spreading none of the nutrients that are generated by your farm on land that is under your control and covered in this CNMP?	-50 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
1. Is the majority of land where the CNMP will cover in the 12 digit hydrologic unit watershed within a stream segment on the ADEM 303d list due to pollution from agricultural source (GIS layer "AL2016 303d_line") or a TMDL stream with an agricultural related pollutant (GIS layer "2016_AL_approved_TMDLs_lines"? These points are only awarded if you are land applying litter. Export only plans will not receive these points.	150 Point(s)
2. Will the majority of the land where the CNMP will cover benefit T&E aquatic species within a Strategic Habitat Unit (GIS polygon layer "SHUs" or within 1 mile upstream of Critical Habitat (GIS layer "crithab_line")? These points are only awarded if you are land applying litter. Export only plans will not receive these points.	100 Point(s)

**Land Use:**

**Farmstead;**

Resource Concerns	Practices
Water Quality Degradation: Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Biosolids or Compost Applications in Surface Water	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan -

**Ranking Score**

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

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