

**Natural Resources Conservation
Service**

**Application Ranking Summary
Statewide Feral Swine Pilot**

Program: EQIP 2014	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Feral Swine Pilot		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. 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.	250 Point(s)
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	10 Point(s)
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	10 Point(s)

2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	10 Point(s)
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	15 Point(s)
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	10 Point(s)
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
3. d. 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)
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	10 Point(s)
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	10 Point(s)
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	10 Point(s)
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	10 Point(s)
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	10 Point(s)
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	10 Point(s)

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	10 Point(s)
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	10 Point(s)
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	10 Point(s)
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. 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
Declining species. (choose only 1 in this section)	
1. 1(A). Is property located within a watershed known to be within the federally threatened range of the gopher tortoise? (Note-only counties west of the Mobile drainage).	80 Point(s)

2. 1(B). Is property located within a watershed known to be within the candidate range of the gopher tortoise OR within the federally listed range of one of the aquatic species (endangered or threatened), OR within watershed of a 303D listed stream?	50 Point(s)
Proximity to permanently protected areas. (choose only 1 in this section). Is the tract located:	
3. 2(A). Adjacent to a permanently protected area, such as a permanent conservation easement, federal or state lands held for conservation use (WMA, National Forest, USFWS Refuge, etc)?	80 Point(s)
4. 2(B). Within one mile of above listed lands?	70 Point(s)
5. 2(C). Within two miles of above listed lands?	60 Point(s)
Cooperating with other landowners toward common goal of pig management. (choose only 1 in this section).	
6. 3(A). Is property located within two miles of another applicant for the NRCS "Pig Management Program" or within 2 miles of another landowner that has received funding from the NRCS for a pig trap in the past?	90 Point(s)
7. 3(B). Does landowner have evidence of past trapping on property... are there traps on property already? This applies even if the trap does not meet our specs. (does NOT forego requirement to retrofit traps to NRCS specs for payment)	45 Point(s)
8. 3(C). Does landowner have photographic evidence of past pig removals from property?	20 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Disease transmission risk reduction for domestic swine. Is tract located within five miles of domestic swine operation?	75 Point(s)
Water quality improvement and risk reduction for small farmers. (choose only 1 in this section)	
2. 2(A). Vegetable crop fields or is tract adjacent to vegetable crop fields?	100 Point(s)
3. 2(B). Within two miles of vegetable crop fields OR including/adjacent to row crop fields?	80 Point(s)
4. 2(C). Within two miles of row crop fields, or adjacent to pastureland/hayland?	60 Point(s)
5. 2(D). Is tract touching perennial stream (solid blue line on topo)?	40 Point(s)
6. 2(E). Is tract within ½ mile of perennial stream?	25 Point(s)
Improving efficiency of government funds spent on conservation.	
7. Does tract have damage to any practice installed with federal or state funding?	75 Point(s)

Land Use:

Crop;

Forest;

Other;

Pasture;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	Feral Swine Management

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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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:

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