Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
OAI

Program: EQIP 2014	**Ranking Date:**
Ranking Tool: OAI	
Final Ranking Score:	
Planner:	
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
Answer only ONE of the following questions (1-21), if applicable.	
1. Will an irrigation well be permanently retired from production within the area identified as first priority on the OAI priority map?	400 Point(s)
2. Will an irrigation well be permanently retired from production within the area identified as second priority on the OAI priority map?	380 Point(s)
3. Will an irrigation well be permanently retired from production within the OAI focus area but outside of the first and second priority areas?	360 Point(s)
4. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of at least three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping >400 ac-ft according to annual meter data?	350 Point(s)

5. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of at least three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 350-399 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	340 Point(s)
6. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of at least three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 300-349 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	330 Point(s)
7. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of at least three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 250-299 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	320 Point(s)
8. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of at least three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 200-249 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	310 Point(s)
9. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of at least three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping <200 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	300 Point(s)
10. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of two (2) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping >400 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	325 Point(s)
11. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of two (2) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 350-399 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	315 Point(s)
12. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of two (2) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 300-349 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	290 Point(s)

13. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of two (2) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 250-299 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	280 Point(s)
14. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of two (2) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 200-249 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	270 Point(s)
15. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of two (2) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping <200 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	250 Point(s)
16. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of one (1) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping >400 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	260 Point(s)
17. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of one (1) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 350-399 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	240 Point(s)
18. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of one (1) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 300-349 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	230 Point(s)
19. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of one (1) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 250-299 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	220 Point(s)
20. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of one (1) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping 200-249 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	210 Point(s)

21. Will the irrigated acres be temporarily converted to dryland for a period of one (1) out of three (3) years, and is the well that serves the converted acres pumping <200 ac-ft according to the annual meter data?	200 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer only ONE of the following questions (1-13), if applicable.	
1. Will an irrigation well be permanently retired from production using conservation practice 351 Water Well Decommissioning, or will this well be converted to a livestock/domestic well that meets the requirements of the Water Well Construction Rules and that is fitted with a sanitary well seal?	200 Point(s)
2. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 20%, AND is the well located within the South Fork priority area?	100 Point(s)
3. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 15%, AND is the well located within the South Fork priority area?	95 Point(s)
4. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 10%, AND is the well located within the South Fork priority area?	85 Point(s)
5. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 20%, AND is the well located within the Arickaree priority area?	90 Point(s)

6. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 15%, AND is the well located within the Arickaree priority area?	85 Point(s)
7. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 10%, AND is the well located within the Arickaree priority area?	75 Point(s)
8. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 20%, AND is the well located within the North Fork priority area?	80 Point(s)
9. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 15%, AND is the well located within the North Fork priority area?	75 Point(s)
10. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 10%, AND is the well located within the North Fork priority area?	70 Point(s)
11. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 20%, AND is the well located outside an identified priority area within the focal area?	65 Point(s)

12. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 15%, AND is the well located outside an identified priority area within the focal area?	60 Point(s)
13. Will Irrigation Water Management (449) be implemented at an advanced level which will assist the producer in reducing their average ac-ft pumped on irrigated crops over the life of the contract by 10%, AND is the well located outside an identified priority area within the focal area?	50 Point(s)
Answer any of the following question(s):	
14. Will a higher management level of Nutrient Management (590) be implemented to reduce the amount of nitrates entering ground water?	50 Point(s)

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.