



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: CIC - AL - FY2024

Program: EQIP

Pool Status: Active

States: AL (Admin)

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Concentrated erosion	0	20	100
Soil quality limitations	0	20	100
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	20	100
Degraded plant condition	0	20	100
Livestock production limitation	0	20	100

Concentrated erosion			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	30	100
Classic gully erosion	0	35	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	35	100

Soil quality limitations			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	30	100
Compaction	0	20	100
Organic matter depletion	0	30	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	20	100

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	10	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	30	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	10	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	30	100
Sediment transported to surface water	0	20	100

Degraded plant condition

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	50	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	10	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	40	100

Practices


Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	329	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Grazing	528	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Adjustment (A)	10	20	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	40	60

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Program Priorities	Default	5	15	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

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 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are the PLUs located within the High Priority Area?	Within Alabama	--
	Outside Alabama	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Which Land Use is being addressed?	Cropland	--
	Pasture	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?	YES	20
	NO	0
Is the applicant designated as HU (Socially Disadvantaged, New and Beginning, Limited Resource, or Veteran)?	YES	120
	NO	0
Improving impaired water body? (303d or TMDL)	Impaired	40
	Otherwise	0
Benefit T and E Species	within a strategic habitat unit.	20
	Otherwise	0
Is there on-site erosion?	YES	-50
	NO	20

Section: Program

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The Core Management Practice will be implemented:	5 Years	20
	4 Years	15
	3 Years	10
	2 Years	5
	1 Year	1

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Cropland (select one)*	The applicant will implement a conservation crop rotation.	175
	The applicant will adopt a reduced tillage system.	125
	The applicant will plant a multi specie cover crop.	100
	The applicant will plant a single specie cover crop.	75
	The applicant will adopt precision agriculture technology for nutrients.	175
	Two or more of the options above.	200
	None of the above.	0

Section: Resource

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Pasture (Select one)*	The applicant has all the required infrastructure and is only applying for Prescribed Grazing.	200
	The applicant will install cross fence to establish or enhance a prescribed grazing system where pastures are allowed to rest at least 80% of the grazing cycle on more than half of all the grazing lands offered acres. (minimum of 5 paddocks)	100
	The applicant will install cross fence to establish or enhance a prescribed grazing system where pastures are allowed to rest at least 66% of the grazing cycle on more than half of all the grazing lands offered acres. (minimum of 3 paddocks)	80
	The applicant will establish and maintain at least twenty percent (maximum of 20 acres to be established or whichever is less) of grazeable acres of native warm season grasses as part of a prescribed grazing system. Grasses include one or more of the following: switchgrass, eastern Gama grass, big bluestem, little bluestem, or Indian grass.	180
	On eligible sites, the applicant will establish perennial legumes to improve forage quality and quantity. If legumes exist, to qualify, the stand of perennial legumes must not exceed 25% uniform coverage	60
	Two or more of the above.	190
	None of the above	0