

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY2026 Indiana
ACEP-ALE

Program ACEP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template ACEP-ALE (ProTracts)

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Existing Practice Included No

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National Pool No

Include States IN (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Developed Land	N/A	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Other Rural Land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	50
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	40
Long term protection of land	35	70	75
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	--	50
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	--	40
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	--	30
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	--	50
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	--	40
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	--	20
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	20	50
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	--	20

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Source water depletion)	0	--	40
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	--	40

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Livestock Health (Feed and forage balance)	0	40	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	15	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	45	100

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	100	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Threat of conversion	100	100	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Pest pressure)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant Health (Plant pest pressure)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels)	0	25	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	25	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	15	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	15	100
Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	0	15	100
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	20	100
Soil Health (Subsidence)	0	15	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	50	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

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

Water (Salt losses to water)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Salts transported to groundwater)	0	50	100
Water Quality (Salts transported to surface water)	0	50	100

Water (Source water depletion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Groundwater depletion)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	35	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	30	100

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	25	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	25	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	25	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	25	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Buy-Protect-Sell Transfer	LTAPBPST	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Maximum Duration Allowed by State Law	LTPMAS	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	00N	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	10	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	10	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	40	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	40	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

Display Group: FY26 IN ALE (Active)



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

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the applicant and land eligible for ALE?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Which Indiana NRCS Area will this application be administered in?	NW	--
	NE	--
	SW	--
	SE	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Percentage of prime, unique, and important farmland soils in the parcel to be protected.	Greater than 75%	40
	60 - 75%	25
	50 - 59%	10
	Less than 50%	0
Percentage of cropland, rangeland, grassland, historic grassland, pastureland, or nonindustrial private forest land in parcel to be protected.	Greater than 75%	40
	60 - 75%	25
	Less than 60%	0
Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA census of agriculture. (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture)	Ratio of 1.0 or less	0
	Ratio greater than 1.0 and less than 2.0	7
	Greater than 2.0	15
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA censuses of agriculture. (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture)	0% - 5%	0
	5-10% decrease	5
	10-15% decrease	10
	15% or more decrease	15
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA censuses of agriculture. (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture)	0 - 5% decrease	0
	5 - 10% decrease	5
	10 - 15% decrease	10
	15% or more decrease	15
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census Bureau. (Census Bureau Home Page)	Less than Indiana's growth rate	0
	Between 1 - 3 times Indiana's growth rate	5
	More than 3 times Indiana's growth rate	0
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census. (Census Bureau Home Page)	Less than Indiana's population density	0
	Between 1 and 3 times Indiana's population density	5
	More than 3 times Indiana's population density	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations.	Written Succession plan for the parcel is documented and performed by an industry professional, or a will (or similar legal instrument) exists that addresses future farm viability (created prior to application).	10
	No plan exists or the plan/will does not directly address continuity of farm operations in the future.	0
Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as: compatible military installations, land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian tribe, state or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values	Less than 250 acres of protected land is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel	0
	250-500 acres of protected land is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel	7
	More than 500 acres of protected land is within one mile of the boundary of the parcel	10
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure.	Less than 250 acres of other agricultural operations are located within one (1) mile of the boundary of the parcel	0
	More than 250 acres of other agricultural operations are located within one (1) mile of the boundary of the parcel	5
Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use.	Parcel links two noncontiguous corridors of protected agricultural use	15
	Parcel is directly adjacent to a protected agricultural use area	10
	Parcel is NOT directly adjacent to a protected agricultural use area	0
Whether the land is currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year and is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	YES	5
	NO	0
Land is grassland of special environmental significance that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	YES	5
	NO	0
Percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement that is the eligible entity's own cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner and comes from sources other than the landowner.	Less than 25% of the FMV will be matched by entity's own cash resources or from other sources than the landowner.	0
	Greater than 25% of the FMV will be matched by entity's own cash resources or from other sources than the landowner.	5

Survey: Resource Questions

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
The location of a parcel in an area zoned for agricultural use.	YES	10
	NO	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the parcel provide additional benefits to rural communities, archaeological or historic preservation, or provide other economic benefits? Select all that apply; a maximum of 40 points will be granted for this item.	A National or State Historic Register site is located within the ALE parcel boundary	10
	The parcel is part of a designated Indiana Centennial Farm	10
	Parcel contributes to the local economy through the sale of agricultural products for human consumption in local or regional markets (including value-added products)	10
	Parcel provides rural community value documented through existing programming (e.g., outdoor classroom, demonstration farm, agritourism activities, on-farm sales, training and education related to food production)	10
	None of the above apply to the parcel	0
An ALE conservation plan will be provided by the entity	Yes, an agreed to written ALE plan will be provided prior to closing	10
	Yes, and action has been taken toward addressing identified resource concerns through the implementation of conservation practices prior to closing	30
	No, a written ALE plan will NOT be provided before closing	0
	No, AND multiple resource concerns were identified on the property and/or have been historically unaddressed	-30
Does protection of the parcel deliver multifunctional benefits? Select all that apply; a maximum of 45 points will be granted for this item.	Parcel provides habitat for endangered, threatened, or at-risk species.	10
	Parcel supports pollinator habitat through established pollinator plantings or other habitat features	5
	Parcel location protects floodplains or groundwater recharge areas	5
	Parcel includes unique geographic features of state importance (e.g., karst topography)	10
	Parcel is located within the watershed of a designated wild and scenic river	10
	Parcel provides opportunities for public recreation or access consistent with agricultural use	5
	None of the above	0
Parcel being offered is at least the following contiguous acres:	80 acres or more	20
	40 - 80 acres	10
	Less than 40 acres	0

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the offered easement boundary (OEB) include infrastructure that supports long-term agricultural viability? Select all that apply; a maximum of 30 points will be granted for this item.	OEB includes a homestead or designated building envelope for a future homestead OR	15
	OEB includes farm operation infrastructure or designated building envelope for future such structures (e.g., barn, grain storage, equipment facilities)	15
	OEB excludes a homestead or building envelope for a future homestead AND/OR OEB excludes farm operation infrastructure and has no building envelope designated for future structures	0
Any part of the parcel falls within the Indiana NRCS ALE Target Area map layer?	Yes	25
	Otherwise	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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