

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool MA FY2026 AMA

Program AMA

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template AMA

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Existing Practice Included Yes

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National Pool No

Include States MA (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	5	35
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	--	35
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	--	35
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	--	35
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	5	35
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	35	35
Plants (Fire management)	0	--	35
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	--	35
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	--	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	--	35
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	--	35
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	35
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	35
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	--	35
Water (Source water depletion)	0	10	35
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	--	35
Water (Weather resilience)	0	35	35

Air (Air quality emissions)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)	0	20	100
Air Quality (Objectionable odor)	0	20	100

Animals (Aquatic habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aquatic Habitat (Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms)	0	50	100
Aquatic Habitat (Elevated water temperature)	0	50	100

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Livestock Health (Feed and forage balance)	0	25	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	25	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	50	100

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

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

Energy (Inefficient energy use)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities)	0	50	100
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations)	0	50	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Fire management)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Wildfire Hazard (Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation)	0	100	100

Plants (Pest pressure)

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

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

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

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	15	100
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	20	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	10	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

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

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Drifted snow)	0	--	100
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	100	100
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	--	100
Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)	0	--	100
Water Quantity (Seeps)	0	--	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
High Tunnel System	325	00N	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	00N	Conservation Practices
Groundwater Testing	355	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Pipeline	430	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Reservoir	436	00N	Conservation Practices

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Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Sprinkler System	442	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Water Well	642	00N	Conservation Practices
TA Planning	910	00N	TSP Codes
TA Design	911	00N	TSP Codes
TA Application	912	00N	TSP Codes
TA Check-Out	913	00N	TSP Codes

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	20	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	40	60
Program Priorities	Default	5	15	15
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: MA FY2026 AMA (Active)



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

Survey: FY2026 MA AMA Applicability Question

Section: FY2026 MA AMA Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the application for the implementation of an irrigation system, irrigation practice(s) or high tunnel?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: FY2026 MA AMA Category Question

Section: FY2026 MA AMA Category Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land included in the application located in the state of Massachusetts?	Massachusetts	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: FY2026 MA AMA Program Questions

Section: FY2026 MA AMA Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Applicant self-certified as Beginning Farmer or Rancher (BFR), or Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher (LRF) on the NRCS CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application.	YES	55
	NO	0
Does the application improve or modify an existing system to expand the operations' ability to respond to drought?	YES	60
	NO	0
This application will facilitate local food production and is marketed within the following radius from the operation:	Less than 10 miles	30
	10 to 50 miles	20
	More than 50 miles	10
	Not applicable	0
Will the implementation of a High Tunnel System assist the farm to add fruit, flower, or vegetable crops that have not been historically produced on the farm to mitigate financial risk?	Yes	10
	No	0
	Not applicable	0
Do the practices in this application support any of the additional national priorities?	Reduced emissions	15
	Reduced Soil Erosion and Sedimentation on Agricultural Land	15
	Promote at-risk species habitat conservation	15
	Not Applicable	0

Survey: FY2026 MA AMA Resource Questions

Section: FY2026 MA AMA Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Will practices included in the application result in conserving ground and/or surface water resources?	YES	60
	NO	0
Are the enrolled acres primarily rated as having low or very low available water capacity in the soil description?	YES	25
	NO	0

Section: FY2026 MA AMA Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is the land within the application located within:	303D listed waters (within 1/4 mile buffer)	--
	Drinking water: Surface Water Zones A or B, Ground Water Zone 2 and/or IWPA (within areas)	--
	Other Water (within 300 feet upstream from streams, surface water, designated shellfish growing areas, aquifers, wells)	--
	Otherwise	--
Do practices in this application improve the water quality and/or water quantity within the 303D listed waters (within 1/4 mile buffer)?*	YES	18
	NO	0
Do practices in this application improve the water quality and/or water quantity within the MA Drinking Waters data layer?*	YES	17
	NO	0
Do practices in this application improve the water quality and/or water quantity within the Other Water data layer?*	YES	10
	NO	0
Is the land included in the application located within the MA Source Water Protection Area?	Source Water Protection Area	--
	Otherwise	--
Do practices in this application improve water quality and/or water quantity within the MA Source Water Protection Area?*	YES	40
	NO	0
Will the High Tunnel System (325) be installed on soils classified as Hydrologic Soil Group A or B?	Yes	10
	No	0
	Not applicable	0
Will the High Tunnel System (325) be installed on land with a ground slope of 0-3%?	Yes	10
	No	0
	Not applicable	0
Is the land on which the High Tunnel System (325) is planned currently irrigated, or is there a source of irrigation within 300 feet that could supply the High Tunnel System?	Yes	10
	No	0
	Not applicable	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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