

USDA Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool MA FY2026 CSP -
NIPF

Program CStwP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template CStwP

**Template
Status** Active

**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	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	--	30
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	2	30
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	30
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	15	30
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	5	30
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	15	30
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	30
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	15	30
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	10	30
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	5	30
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	30
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	30
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	30
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	--	30
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	30
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	--	30

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Weather resilience)	0	3	30

Air (Air quality emissions)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)	0	20	50
Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs)	0	20	50
Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)	0	20	50
Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)	0	20	50
Air Quality (Objectionable odor)	0	20	50

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	30	50
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	30	50
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	40	50

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	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	50	100
Plant Health (Plant structure and composition)	0	50	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)	0	100	100

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

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

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	20	50
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	20	50
Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	0	10	50
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	20	50
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	10	50
Soil Health (Subsidence)	0	20	50

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	50
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	20	50

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	20	50
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	20	50
Water Quality (Sediment transported to surface water)	0	20	50

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	30	50
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	40	50
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	30	50

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	25	50
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	25	50
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	25	50
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	25	50

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Drifted snow)	0	20	50
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	20	50
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	20	50
Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)	0	20	50
Water Quantity (Seeps)	0	20	50

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Forest Management Plan	106	00N	Activities

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Soil Health Management Plan	116	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Design	120	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management System Design	162	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan	199	00N	Activities
Adaptive Management for Soil Health	204	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities
Alley Cropping	311	00N	Conservation Practices
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Deep Tillage	324	00N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Cover	327	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Conservation Crop Rotation	328	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	329	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Contour Farming	330	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
Contour Buffer Strips	332	00N	Conservation Practices
Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	333	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Controlled Traffic Farming	334	00N	Conservation Practices
Soil Carbon Amendment	336	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Prescribed Burning	338	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Cover Crop	340	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Critical Area Planting	342	00N	Conservation Practices
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	345	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	374	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Field Operations Emissions Reduction	376	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Farming	379	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	380	00N	Conservation Practices
Silvopasture	381	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Fence	382	00N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Fuel Break	383	00N	Conservation Practices
Woody Residue Treatment	384	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Field Border	386	00N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Fishpond Management	399	00N	Conservation Practices
Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control	400	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Access Control	472	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Forage Harvest Management	511	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Drainage Water Management	554	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	00N	Conservation Practices
Stormwater Runoff Control	570	00N	Conservation Practices

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Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Shelter Structure	576	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Feed Management	592	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Vegetative Barrier	601	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetated Treatment Area	635	00N	Conservation Practices
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	643	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	644	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	645	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Seasonal Water Management for Wildlife	646	00N	Conservation Practices
Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt	647	00N	Conservation Practices
Structures for Wildlife	649	00N	Conservation Practices
Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment	654	00N	Conservation Practices
Forest Trails and Landings	655	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree-Shrub Pruning	660	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Forest Stand Improvement	666	00N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Lighting System	670	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	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
Existing Activity Payment	E300EAP	00N	CStwP Enhancements (2018)

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Adjustment (A)	5	5	10
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (C)	35	40	50
Resource Priorities	Default	15	25	35
Program Priorities	Default	15	20	35
Efficiencies	Default	10	10	10

Display Group: MA FY 2026 CSP - NIPF (Active)

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

Survey: Applicability Question

Section: FY 2026 MA CSP Classic NIPF - General Applicability Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Are the PLUs in the application located within the state of Massachusetts?	Massachusetts	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: FY 2026 MA CSP Classic NIPF - General Category Question		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select all applicable categories:	Beginning Farmer/Rancher (BFR)	--
	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher (SDFR)	--
	General (Choose this category ONLY if no other categories apply)	--
	Regenerative Pilot Program	--
	Reserved 1	--
	Reserved 2	--
	Reserved 3	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: FY 2026 MA CSP NIPF - Program Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
At the time of application, the applicant meets:	3-5 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation	60
	1-2 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation	50
	3-5 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)	40
	1-2 State priority resource concern categories across ALL land uses included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)	30
	3-5 State priority resource concern categories on AT LEAST ONE land uses included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)	20
	1-2 State priority resource concern categories on AT LEAST ONE land uses included in the operation (excluding farmstead and associated ag land)	0
By the end of the contract, the applicant will implement ADDITIONAL activities that:	Exceed the stewardship threshold for more than 3 additional resource concern categories on at least two additional land uses	125
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2-3 additional resource concern categories on at least two additional land uses.	105
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for 1 additional resource concern category on at least two additional land uses.	85
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for more than 3 additional resource concern categories on one land use.	75
	Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2-3 additional resource concern categories on one land use.	65
	Meet the stewardship threshold for 2-3 additional resource concern categories on at least two land uses.	55
	Meet the stewardship threshold for 1 additional resource concern category on at least two land uses	45
	Meet the stewardship threshold for 1 additional resource concern category on one land use.	0
Does the producer have active CSP contract(s) but chooses not to include the newly acquired/newly eligible land? If the contract is IRA funded, the answer will be No.	YES	-200
	NO	0
BFR/SDFR Q1: Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?*	YES	10
	NO	0
BFR/SDFR Q2: Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the CSP application come out of CRP within the last two years?*	YES	5
	NO	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: FY 2026 MA CSP NIPF - Resource Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
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
Is the land included in 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 of streams, surface water, designated shellfish growing areas, and aquifers)	--
	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	20
	NO	0
Do practices in this application improve the water quality and/or water quantity within the MA Drinking Waters data layer?*	YES	15
	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
One or more of the PLUs offered in this application are within a NHESP Priority Habitat.	Within NHESP Priority Habitat	--
	Otherwise	--
Do the PLUs that are within the NHESP polygon include planned and/or existing practices that benefit the identified endangered or at-risk species?*	YES	30
	NO	0
Is this an application for a CPA, DIA or CEMA?*	YES	10
	NO	0
General Q1: Does this application meet policy requirements for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)?*	YES	--
	NO	--
Regenerative Pilot Program Q1: Does the application include all of the following: Whole farm planning, CEMA 216 planned in the 1st and last year of the 5 year contract, and at least one primary regenerative management practice which is an existing practice and/or is planned within this contract. See 440 NI Part 307.14 for list of eligible primary regenerative management practices.*	YES	20
	NO	0
Regenerative Pilot Program Q2: How many existing and/or planned primary regenerative management practices in this application address soil and/or water resource concerns?*	4 or more	25
	3	15
	1-2	10
	None	0
Regenerative Pilot Program Q3: Will this application promote regenerative agriculture practices that enhance soil health, water management, and overall farm productivity?	YES	10
	NO	0

Section: FY 2026 MA CSP NIPF - Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Reserved Q1: Are the PLUs in this application within the disaster area?*	YES	20
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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