

# Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool AL FY2026 NIPF CSP

Program CStwP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template CStwP

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Existing Practice Included Yes

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National Pool No

Include States AL (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     | 3         | 30    |
| Animals (Aquatic habitat)                          | 0     | 3         | 30    |
| Animals (Livestock production limitation)          | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Animals (Terrestrial habitat)                      | 0     | 5         | 30    |
| Energy (Inefficient energy use)                    | 0     | 5         | 30    |
| Plants (Degraded plant condition)                  | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Plants (Fire management)                           | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Plants (Pest pressure)                             | 0     | 5         | 30    |
| Soil (Concentrated erosion)                        | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Soil (Soil quality limitations)                    | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Soil (Wind and water erosion)                      | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Water (Field pesticide loss)                       | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss) | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Water (Salt losses to water)                       | 0     | 1         | 30    |
| Water (Source water depletion)                     | 0     | 8         | 30    |
| Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)         | 0     | 3         | 30    |
| 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     | 40        | 50    |
| Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution) | 0     | 30        | 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     | 30        | 50    |
| Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)                                              | 0     | 40        | 50    |
| Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)                                            | 0     | 30        | 50    |

## Soil (Soil quality limitations)

| Resource Concern                                        | Min % | Default % | Max % |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Soil Health (Aggregate instability)                     | 0     | 25        | 50    |
| Soil Health (Compaction)                                | 0     | 25        | 50    |
| Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)                  | 0     | 25        | 50    |
| Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation) | 0     | 25        | 50    |

## Soil (Wind and water erosion)

| Resource Concern                      | Min % | Default % | Max % |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion) | 0     | 80        | 100   |
| Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)           | 0     | 20        | 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 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 % |
|------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
|------------------|-------|-----------|-------|

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| 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 (Naturally available moisture use) | 0     | 25        | 50    |
| Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)             | 0     | 25        | 50    |
| Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)        | 0     | 25        | 50    |
| Water Quantity (Seeps)                            | 0     | 25        | 50    |

## Practices

| Practice Name                                   | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Soil Health Testing                             | 216           | 00N                 | Activities             |
| Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management | 217           | 00N                 | Activities             |
| Brush Management                                | 314           | 00N, 03N            | Conservation Practices |
| Herbaceous Weed Treatment                       | 315           | 00N, 01N            | 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 |

| Practice Name                                | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type          |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Contour Buffer Strips                        | 332           | 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 |
| Silvopasture                                 | 381           | 00N, 01N            | Conservation Practices |
| Fence                                        | 382           | 00N, 03N, 04N       | Conservation Practices |
| Fuel Break                                   | 383           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices |
| Field Border                                 | 386           | 00N                 | 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 |
| Wildlife Habitat Planting                    | 420           | 00N, 01N            | Conservation Practices |
| Hedgerow Planting                            | 422           | 00N, 01N, 02N       | Conservation Practices |
| Irrigation Water Management                  | 449           | 00N, 03N            | 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 |
| Heavy Use Area Protection                    | 561           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices |
| Spring Development                           | 574           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices |
| Livestock Shelter Structure                  | 576           | 00N, 01N            | Conservation Practices |

| Practice Name                              | Practice Code | Practice Narratives | Practice Type             |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Nutrient Management                        | 590           | 00N, 06N, 07N, 08N  | Conservation Practices    |
| Pest Management Conservation System        | 595           | 00N, 05N, 06N, 07N  | Conservation Practices    |
| Tree/Shrub Establishment                   | 612           | 00N, 01N            | Conservation Practices    |
| Watering Facility                          | 614           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices    |
| Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management        | 644           | 00N, 01N            | Conservation Practices    |
| Upland Wildlife Habitat Management         | 645           | 00N, 01N            | Conservation Practices    |
| Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt | 647           | 00N                 | Conservation Practices    |
| Structures for Wildlife                    | 649           | 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    |
| 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            | 35      | 50            |
| Resource Priorities      | Default        | 15            | 30      | 35            |
| Program Priorities       | Default        | 15            | 20      | 35            |
| Efficiencies             | Default        | 10            | 10      | 10            |

## Display Group: FY2026 AL CSP NIPF (Active)



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 |
| Is the majority of the operation within Alabama? | The majority of the operation is within Alabama | --     |
|                                                  | Otherwise                                       | --     |

## Survey: Category Questions

| Section: Category      |                                              |        |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Question               | Answer Choices                               | Points |
| Select all that apply: | General (MUST select this)                   | --     |
|                        | (BFR) Beginning Farmer/Rancher               | --     |
|                        | (LLPI) Longleaf Pine Initiative              | --     |
|                        | (RPP) Regenerative Pilot Program             | --     |
|                        | (SDFR) Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher | --     |
|                        | (Reserve 1)                                  | --     |
|                        | (Reserve 2)                                  | --     |
|                        | (Reserve 3)                                  | --     |

## Survey: Program Questions

| Section: Program                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                   |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Question                                                                                                                                                                            | Answer Choices                                                                                    | Points |
| (Select One ) At the time of application, the application meets:                                                                                                                    | meets 8 or more resource concern categories across the operation                                  | 100    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | meets 6 or more resource concern categories across the operation                                  | 80     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | meets 4 or more resource concern categories across the operation                                  | 60     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | meets 2 or more resource concern categories across the operation                                  | 40     |
| (Select One) By the end of the contract, the applicant will implement additional conservation activities across the operation that allows the producer to:                          | Meet and/or Exceed the stewardship threshold for 7 or more additional resource concern categories | 75     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Meet and/or Exceed the stewardship threshold for 5 or more additional resource concern categories | 60     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Meet and/or Exceed the stewardship threshold for 3 or more additional resource concern categories | 45     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Meet and/or Exceed the stewardship threshold for 2 or more additional resource concern categories | 30     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Meet and/or Exceed the stewardship threshold for 1 or more additional resource concern categories | 15     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Not meet/exceed any additional resource concern categories                                        | 0      |
| Does the producer have active CSP contract(s) for same land use but chooses not to include the newly acquired/newly eligible land? Note - If the contract was IRA funded, answer NO | YES                                                                                               | -200   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | NO                                                                                                | 0      |
| Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)? *                                                                                                 | YES                                                                                               | 20     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | NO                                                                                                | 0      |

## Section: Program

| Question                                                                                                                                                        | Answer Choices | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 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 2 years?* | YES            | 5      |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | NO             | 0      |

## Survey: Resource Questions

## Section: Resource

| Question                                                                                                               | Answer Choices                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Is the participant a certified Tree Farm, Treasured Forest, or Stewardship Forest?                                     | YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 40     |
|                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0      |
| Does the participant have a written mgt plan for the property, written by a forester?                                  | YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 30     |
|                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0      |
| Has the applicant completed forestry/wildlife practices on any part that improves site conditions in the last 5 years? | YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20     |
|                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0      |
| Is the property currently managed for wildlife habitat and timber production?                                          | YES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10     |
|                                                                                                                        | NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0      |
| Answer All that Apply (LLPI):*                                                                                         | Is this application for land that is contiguous to a protected area such as a national forest, military installation, national wildlife refuge, state forest, heritage reserve, or land protected by a perpetual conservation easement (e.g., WRP, FRPP, GRP, and TNC)? | 5      |
|                                                                                                                        | Will the offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5      |
|                                                                                                                        | Is this application for land with a forest management plan that includes prescribed burning in an established longleaf pine stand (not for site prep burning)?                                                                                                          | 15     |
|                                                                                                                        | None of the above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0      |
| Is the field (acreage) where practice installation will take place within state-designated priority counties?*         | Within Priority Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5      |
|                                                                                                                        | Otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 0      |
| Answer all that apply (RPP):*                                                                                          | CEMA 216 is planned on 25% or more of the applicable PLUs                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20     |
|                                                                                                                        | An RPP core practice is planned for all applicable years of the contract?                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12     |
|                                                                                                                        | An RPP core practice is planned for 3 years of the contract?                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5      |
|                                                                                                                        | An RPP core practice is planned for 2 years of the contract?                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3      |
|                                                                                                                        | None of the above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0      |
| Reserve*                                                                                                               | Priority 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 15     |
|                                                                                                                        | Priority 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10     |
|                                                                                                                        | Priority 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5      |

# Detailed Assessments

| Name | Type | Jurisdiction | Status |
|------|------|--------------|--------|
|------|------|--------------|--------|