

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool AL FY2026 West
Team

Program EQIP

Pool Status Active

Tags

Template EQIP

**Template
Status** Active

**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	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air (Air quality emissions)	0	5	100
Animals (Aquatic habitat)	0	5	100
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	10	100
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	100
Energy (Inefficient energy use)	0	5	100
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	5	100
Plants (Fire management)	0	5	100
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	100
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	10	100
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	10	100
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	100
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	100
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	100

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	5	100
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	100
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	5	100
Water (Weather resilience)	0	5	100

Air (Air quality emissions)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air Quality (Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen)	0	35	100
Air Quality (Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs)	0	10	100
Air Quality (Emissions of ozone precursors)	0	5	100
Air Quality (Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors)	0	10	100
Air Quality (Objectionable odor)	0	40	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	55	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	10	100
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	35	100

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	80	100
Energy Use (Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations)	0	20	100

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
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	20	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	50	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	30	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	25	100
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	30	100
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	20	100

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Sheet and rill erosion)	0	90	100
Soil Erosion (Wind erosion)	0	10	100

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	70	100

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
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Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	10	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater)	0	10	100
Water Quality (Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water)	0	30	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	15	100
Water Quantity (Inefficient irrigation water use)	0	70	100
Water Quantity (Surface water depletion)	0	15	100

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Nutrients transported to surface water)	0	30	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater)	0	20	100
Water Quality (Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water)	0	30	100

Water (Weather resilience)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quantity (Naturally available moisture use)	0	25	100
Water Quantity (Ponding and flooding)	0	25	100
Water Quantity (Seasonal high water table)	0	25	100
Water Quantity (Seeps)	0	25	100

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	102	00N	Activities
Forest Management Plan	106	00N	Activities
Soil Health Management Plan	116	00N	Activities
Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition	138	00N	Activities
Site Assessment and Soil Testing for Contaminants Activity	207	00N	Activities
Soil Health Testing	216	00N	Activities
Soil and Source Testing for Nutrient Management	217	00N	Activities
Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation	222	00N	Activities
Agricultural Energy Assessment	228	00N	Activities
Feral Swine Damage Assessment	297	00N	Activities
Agrichemical Handling Facility	309	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Storage Facility	313	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Brush Management	314	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Animal Mortality Facility	316	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
High Tunnel System	325	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 Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	331	00N	Conservation Practices
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
Well Decommissioning	351	00N	Conservation Practices
Monitoring Well	353	00N	Conservation Practices
Dike and Levee	356	00N	Conservation Practices

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Waste Treatment Lagoon	359	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Facility Closure	360	00N	Conservation Practices
Diversion	362	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Roofs and Covers	367	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Combustion System Improvement	372	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	374	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N, 05N, 06N	Conservation Practices
Pond	378	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
Filter Strip	393	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Firebreak	394	00N	Conservation Practices
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	395	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Dam	402	00N	Conservation Practices
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	00N	Conservation Practices
Grassed Waterway	412	00N	Conservation Practices
Wildlife Habitat Planting	420	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Hedgerow Planting	422	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Pipeline	430	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Reservoir	436	00N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Sprinkler System	442	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	443	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Irrigation Water Management	449	00N, 03N	Conservation Practices

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Land Clearing	460	00N	Conservation Practices
Precision Land Forming and Smoothing	462	00N	Conservation Practices
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	00N	Conservation Practices
Mulching	484	00N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	00N	Conservation Practices
Pasture and Hay Planting	512	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Pipeline	516	00N	Conservation Practices
Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment	520	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Grazing Management	528	00N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Pumping Plant	533	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Roof Runoff Structure	558	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Access Road	560	00N	Conservation Practices
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	00N	Conservation Practices
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Shelter Structure	576	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Stream Crossing	578	00N, 01N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	580	00N, 02N	Conservation Practices
Channel Bed Stabilization	584	00N	Conservation Practices
Structure for Water Control	587	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Pest Management Conservation System	595	00N, 05N, 06N, 07N	Conservation Practices
Terrace	600	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Underground Outlet	620	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Treatment	629	00N	Conservation Practices
Waste Separation Facility	632	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Waste Transfer	634	00N	Conservation Practices
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638	00N	Conservation Practices
Water Well	642	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
Energy Efficient Lighting System	670	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N	Conservation Practices
Energy Efficient Building Envelope	672	00N, 01N, 02N, 03N, 04N	Conservation Practices
Annual Forages for Grazing Systems	810	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Raised Beds	812	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Low Tunnel Systems	821	00N	Interim Conservation Practices
Organic Management	823	00N	Interim Conservation Practices

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	10	30	40
Planned Practice Effects	Adjustment (D)	15	15	15
Resource Priorities	Default	20	30	60
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
What Alabama Team is the application in?	West Team	--
	Not Applicable	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: County		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
What County is the Application in?	Autauga	--
	Baldwin	--
	Bibb	--
	Chilton	--
	Choctaw	--
	Clarke	--
	Conecuh	--
	Dallas	--
	Escambia	--
	Greene	--
	Hale	--
	Lowndes	--
	Marengo	--
	Mobile	--
	Monroe	--
	Perry	--
	Pickens	--
	Shelby	--
	Sumter	--
	Talladega	--
	Tuscaloosa	--
	Washington	--
	Wilcox	--
	Otherwise	--

Section: Initiatives

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Select any eligible Initiative	(BFR) Beginning Farmer/Rancher	--
	(LLPI) Longleaf Pine Initiative	--
	(NWQI) National Water Quality Initiative	--
	(PBCI) Poarch Band of Creek Indians	--
	(RPP) Regenerative Pilot Program	--
	(SDFR) Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher	--
	(WLFW-GOTO) Working Lands for Wildlife - Gopher Tortoise	--
	(WLFW-NBI) Working Lands for Wildlife - Northern Bobwhite Initiative	--
	General Application	--
	(Reserve 1)	--
	(Reserve 2)	--
	(Reserve 3)	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?*	YES	10
	NO	0
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and has the land in the EQIP application come out of CRP within the last 2 years?*	YES	5
	NO	0
The Conservation Plan will benefit Aquatic Species within a Strategic Habitat Unit.	The majority of the PLUs are located within a SHU.	15
	The majority of the PLUs are NOT within a SHU	0
Are the Offered acres adjacent to a riparian buffer that qualifies for The Riparian Forest Expanded Buffer Initiative (buffer extended from 35 to a minimum of 75 feet)?	YES	20
	NO	0
Are Invasive Species being mitigated with Financial Assistance?	YES	20
	NO	0
Does the operation contain livestock, and is designated as such in ProTracts?	YES	50
	NO	0
Does the application include a CPA, DIA, or CEMA (not including CEMA 216 for RPP)?	YES	40
	NO	0
The PLUs are located in a Source Water Protection Watershed	Located within a SWP Watershed	10
	NOT located within a SWP Watershed	0

Section: Reserve Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Reserve 1*	Priority 1	15
	Priority 2	10
	Priority 3	5
Reserve 2*	Priority 1	15
	Priority 2	10
	Priority 3	5
Reserve 3*	Priority 1	15
	Priority 2	10
	Priority 3	5

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: LLPI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does this application pertain to 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)?*	YES	3
	NO	0
Is the acreage where practice installation will take place located within a state-designated priority county?	LLPI Priority County	4
	Not within a priority county	0
Will the offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?	YES	5
	NO	0
Does this application pertain to land with a forest management plan that includes prescribed burning in an established longleaf pine stand (not for site prep burning)?	YES	8
	NO	0

Section: NWQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the PLUs intersect the critical source areas identified in the NWQI watershed assessment?*	YES	5
	NO	0

Section: NWQI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The following apply:*	livestock will be excluded from all streams on the offered acres.	4
	The application of conservation practices in this contract will reduce the STIR rating to less than 30 on over 75% of the offered acres	3
	Will this contract include installation of a buffer (such as filter strip, riparian forest buffer or grassed waterway) that filters and traps pollutants, nutrients and or sediment from entering a stream and reduces pollutant delivery to a stream.	2
	Will critical acres be mitigated for run off?	1
	None of the above	0

Section: PBCI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
This is an application for the Tribe.*	YES	--
	NO	--

Section: RPP *

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Answer all that apply:*	CEMA 216 is planned on 25% or more of the applicable PLUs	12
	An RPP core practice is planned for all applicable years of the contract?	10
	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

Section: WLFW-GOTO*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the PLU intersect the priority area for conservation (PAC)?	PLU intersect PAC	5
	PLU does not intersect PAC	0
Based on NRCS confirmation of visual siting, database, or species expert documentation, is the site occupied by the Gopher Tortoise?	YES	6
	NO	0
Based on participant self-certification (due to general lack of survey data on private lands), choose one:	More than 250 adult GOTO on PLU	3
	More than 50 but less than 250 adult GOTO on PLU	2
	More than 5 but less than 50 adult GOTO on PLU	1
	GOTO occupancy null or less than 5 individuals on PLU	0

Section: WLFW-GOTO*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Reference Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide. Choose one answer	A prescribed burn during the growing season and firebreak is planned on the PLU to improve GOTO habitat characteristics	6
	A wildlife habitat planting that meets CPS-420 standards is planned on the PLU	5
	A prescribed burn in any season and firebreak are planned on the PLU	4
	At least one of the following other priority conservation practices is planned on the PLU: timber stand improvement, brush management	3
	At least one of the following practices is planned on the PLU: livestock use exclusion as part of a prescribed grazing plan, invasive species control	2
	The PLU planning includes tree and shrub establishment practice of less than 500 trees per acre	1
	None of the above	0

Section: WLFW-NBI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
The PLU is within 5 miles of Autauga WMA, Blue Spring WMA, Geneva WMA, Hollins WMA, Coosa WMA, or the Conecuh National Forest.	YES	4
	NO	0
Select as applicable:	PLU is within 3 miles of any documented terrestrial state or federal T E or candidate for listing and or declining bird species	3
	PLU is within 5 miles of occupied NOBO site or regularly managed suitable habitat	2
	PLU is or will be > 90% native grasslands, forbs, or savannas and/or will include milkweed establishment or management	1
	None of the above	0

Section: WLFW-NBI*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Do the planned practices include actions prioritized to restore native habitat? Only choose one answer	A prescribed burn during the growing season is planned on the PLU,	5
	A prescribed burn in any season is on the PLU and/or pollinator forage plant materials plantings are planned	4
	At least one of the following priority conservation practices is planned on the PLU: timber stand improvement or brush management	3
	At least one of the following practices is planned on the PLU: forage and biomass planting using only native seed mixes or range planting using only native seed mixes	3
	At least one practice is planned that provides woody vegetative cover for wildlife use: wildlife habitat planting, hedgerow planting, windbreak/shelterbelt establishment, tree/shrub establishment, or field borders,	2
	At least one of the following practices is planned on the PLU: invasive species control or conservation cover	1
	none of the above	0

Section: County Local Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Autauga*	This application contains prescribed burning as a management practice.	15
	This application contains precommercial or commercial thinning or has been thinned within the last 3 years.	14
	The application contains chemical release or invasive work	13
	The application contains strip disking	12
	This application contains exclusion fencing along a waterway/pond or these areas are already fenced and livestock kept out.	11
	This application contains prescribed grazing as a paid management practice	8
	This application contains herbaceous weed control in a pasture or hay field.	7
	This application contains cover crop	6
	This application is to address erosion issues in crop fields	5
	This application contains erosion control practices in hay/pasture fields.	4
	This application contains seasonal high tunnel house	3
	This application is to assist with irrigation practices in a row crop field	2
	This application contains plasticulture & microirrigation(vegetables).	1
	None of the above	0
Baldwin*	Will the application include conservation practices to extend the grazing season with the use of annual forages?	20
	Is the application for the introduction of legumes into established pastures to aid nitrogen fixation and reduce nutrient applications?	19
	Is this application for the installation of a watering system to help provide water for animal units?	13
	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help facilitate prescribed grazing?	12
	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help exclude animal units from sensitive areas?	10
	Will the applicant help improve soil quality by planting a multi species cover crop?	8
	Will the applicant help improve soil quality and alleviate compaction issues by planting a deep tillage cover crop?	7
	Will the applicant help improve soil quality by planting a single species cover crop?	6
	Are the fields in question predominantly HEL?	5
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Bibb*	Applicant has requested prescribed burning to be performed as an understory burn but has not previously performed prescribed burning on their forestland	11
	Applicant will plant longleaf pine on 50% or more of treated acres.	10
	According to Conservation Desktop topographic map or stream map, the tract boundary containing the treated area intersects or contains a stream within the tract boundary	9
	Does the applicant have an existing wildlife food plot within the boundary of the treated area that will be maintained for the life of the EQIP contract?	8
	Is this application is for Herbicide Release on trees planted in last 3 years	7
	Exclusion fence will be installed along all streams to exclude livestock except for controlled access points such as stream crossings:	7
	Will applicant be installing a cross fence to facilitate rotational grazing?	7
	Will the applicant be installing a watering facility that will service two or more paddocks?	7
	Is this application for cost assistance for Heavy Use Area in heavy traffic areas such as gates or feeding pad areas? These points are not to be given for heavy use associated with water system facilities.	6
	Is this application for cost assistance for Stream Crossing.	6
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Multi Species Cover Crop?	6
	For seasonal high tunnel request, has the applicant produced vegetable crops at least once within the past 3 years?	5
	For seasonal high tunnel request, has micro-irrigation been utilized in producing vegetable crops within the past 3 years?	4
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Single Species Cover Crop?	3
	Is producer signing up for mortality freezer or incinerator	2
	Does the applicant agree to follow a basic irrigation water management plan?	2
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Chilton*	This application contains cover crop	15
	This application contains erosion control practices in hay/pasture fields	14
	This application is to address erosion issues in crop fields	13
	This application contains seasonal high tunnel house.	12
	This application contains exclusion fencing along a waterway/pond or these areas are already fenced and livestock kept out.	10
	This application contains prescribed grazing as a paid management practice	8
	This application contains herbaceous weed control in a pasture or hay field.	7
	This application contains prescribed burning as a management practice	6
	This application contains precommercial or commercial thinning or has been thinned within the last 3 years.	5
	The application contains chemical release or invasive work	4
	The application contains strip disking	3
	This application is to assist with irrigation practices in a row crop field.	2
	This application contains plasticulture & microirrigation (vegetables)	1
	None of the above	0
Choctaw*	Is the majority of the land use in the application Forestry & Wildlife?	45
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Grazing Land?	25
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Cropland and Soil Health?	15
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Animal Feeding Operations/Farmstead/Air Quality?	10
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Energy/Farmstead?	5
	None of the above	0
Clarke*	Is the majority of the land use in the application Forestry & Wildlife?	45
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Grazing Land?	25
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Cropland and Soil Health?	15
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Animal Feeding Operations/Farmstead/Air Quality?	10
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Energy/Farmstead?	5
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Conecuh*	Does the applicant plan to plant a cover crop with more than one species?	20
	Does the applicant address soil quality/erosion concerns on HEL fields?	18
	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help facilitate prescribed grazing and/or to exclude animals from sensitive areas?	16
	Is this application for the installation of a watering system to help provide water for animal units?	15
	Is the application for the introduction of legumes into established pastures to aid nitrogen fixation and reduce nutrient applications?	10
	Will the applicant use brush management practices to improve existing forage stand?	7
	Will the applicant establish loblolly/longleaf pines?	5
	Will the applicant use prescribed fire to suppress competition in an existing longleaf stand or thinned loblolly stand?	4
	Will the applicant address invasive species on forestland?	3
	Will the applicant improve existing irrigation system?	2
	None of the Above	0
Dallas*	Will applicant install permanent fencing to facilitate prescribed grazing	20
	Is application for installation of water system	16
	Is application for introduction of legumes into established pastures to aid nitrogen fixation and reduce nutrient applications	15
	Will applicant install permanent fencing to exclude animals form sensitive areas.	10
	Will applicant address wildlife habitat improvement by establishing longleaf pine	9
	Does the application address prescribed burning in a pre-dominate longleaf pine forest	8
	Does the application address prescribed burning in a pre-dominate loblolly stand	7
	Are the fields with practice planned in contract predominantly HEL?	5
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Multi Species Cover Crop?	4
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Single Species Cover Crop?	3
	Does the applicant agree to follow a basic irrigation water management plan?	2
	Is producer signing up for mortality freezer or incinerator	1
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Escambia*	Is this application for the planting of annual forages on grazing land and/or crop land?	50
	Is this application for the installation of a watering system to help provide water for animal units?	25
	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help facilitate prescribed grazing and/or to exclude animals from sensitive areas?	25
	None of the above	0
Greene*	Is this application to consider funding for cross fencing and a water system intended to implement prescribed grazing on three or more paddocks?	20
	Are livestock actively being or will livestock be fenced from sensitive areas such as streams or wetlands?	19
	Is this application for weed treatment or the introduction of perennial grasses or legumes, intended to improve pasture for grazing production to meet the pastures potential for grazing Animal Unit capacity?	13
	Is this application for practices on a tract of land that includes an already functioning cross fencing system for the purposes of improving or implementing prescribed grazing on three or more paddocks?	12
	Is this application to consider funding for Heavy Use Areas in heavy traffic locations (gates or feeding pad areas)? These points are not to be given for Heavy Use Areas associated with water system facilities.	10
	Does the application address wildlife habitat improvement through assistance with longleaf pine establishment?	8
	Does the application address wildlife habitat improvement through assistance with loblolly pine or hardwood establishment?	7
	Does this application include a burn on a pine stand that has been thinned in the last three years?	6
	Is this application for assistance with Herbicide Release on Trees planted within last 3 years?	5
	None of the above	0

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Hale*	Exclusion fence will be installed along all streams to exclude livestock except for controlled access points such as stream crossings:	11
	Will applicant be installing a cross fence to facilitate rotational grazing?	10
	Will the applicant be installing a watering facility that will service two or more paddocks?	9
	Is this application for cost assistance for Heavy Use Area in heavy traffic areas such as gates or feeding pad areas? These points are not to be given for heavy use associated with water system facilities.	8
	Is this application for cost assistance for Stream Crossing.	7
	Applicant has requested prescribed burning to be performed as an understory burn but has not previously performed prescribed burning on their forestland.	7
	Applicant will plant longleaf pine on 50% or more of treated acres.	7
	According to Conservation Desktop topographic map or stream map, the tract boundary containing the treated area intersects or contains a stream within the tract boundary.	7
	Does the applicant have an existing wildlife food plot within the boundary of the treated area that will be maintained for the life of the EQIP contract?	6
	Is this application is for Herbicide Release on trees planted in last 3 years.	6
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Multi Species Cover Crop?	6
	For seasonal high tunnel request, has the applicant produced vegetable crops at least once within the past 3 years?	5
	For seasonal high tunnel request, has micro-irrigation been utilized in producing vegetable crops within the past 3 years?	4
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Single Species Cover Crop?	3
	Does the applicant agree to follow a basic irrigation water management plan?	2
	Is producer signing up for mortality freezer or incinerator	2
	None of the above	0

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Lowndes*	Will applicant install permanent fencing to facilitate prescribed grazing	20
	Is application for installation of water system	16
	I application for introduction of legumes into established pastures to aid nitrogen fixation and reduce nutrient applications	15
	Will applicant install permanent fencing to exclude animals form sensitive areas.	10
	Will applicant address wildlife habitat improvement by establishing longleaf pine	9
	Does the application address prescribed burning in a pre-dominate longleaf pine forest	8
	Does the application address prescribed burning in a pre-dominate loblolly stand	7
	Are the fields with practice planned in contract predominantly HEL?	5
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Multi Species Cover Crop?	4
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Single Species Cover Crop?	3
	Does the applicant agree to follow a basic irrigation water management plan?	2
	producer signing up for mortality freezer or incinerator	1
	None of the above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Marengo*	the applicant is willing to install cross fencing, watering facilities, or heavy use areas in order to create or expand a rotational grazing system to at least 4 paddocks	20
	damage is visible from high traffic areas such as feeding locations, existing watering facilities, etc., where the applicant is willing to install heavy use areas to address	18
	the applicant is willing to install watering facilities that will be hooked to an existing water source (existing water meter, existing well, etc.)	16
	application is for prescribed burning for wildlife/timber management	15
	the participant is willing to thin existing timber to a BA of 70 or below	10
	the participant is willing to utilize strip disking to improve wildlife habitat	7
	the participant is willing to treat invasive plant species via herbaceous weed treatment or brush management	5
	the participant is willing to plant a mixture of NWSG/Pollinator species to benefit wildlife	4
	the producer is willing to treat Critically Eroding Areas on farming operation	3
	the producer is willing to implement new management practices in his/her row crop operation to reduce erosion	2
	None of the above	0
Mobile*	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help facilitate prescribed grazing?	20
	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help exclude animals from sensitive areas	18
	currently have 3 paddocks	16
	Will the application include annual forages	15
	will invasives species be treated	10
	a watering system will be installed	7
	legumes will be introduced	5
	Longleaf, loblolly or slash will be planted	4
	Prescribed burning on predominately loblolly is planned	3
	Prescribed burning on predominately longleaf is planned	2
	None of the Above	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Monroe*	Does the applicant plan to plant a cover crop with more than one species?	20
	Does the applicant address soil quality/erosion concerns on HEL fields?	18
	Will the applicant establish loblolly/longleaf pines?	16
	Will the applicant use prescribed fire to suppress competition in an existing longleaf stand or thinned loblolly stand?	15
	Will the applicant address invasive species on forestland?	10
	Will the applicant install permanent fencing to help facilitate prescribed grazing and/or to exclude animals from sensitive areas?	7
	Is this application for the installation of a watering system to help provide water for animal units?	5
	Is the application for the introduction of legumes into established pastures to aid nitrogen fixation and reduce nutrient applications?	4
	Will the applicant use brush management practices to improve existing forage stand?	3
	Will the applicant improve existing irrigation system?	2
	None of the above	0

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Perry*	Exclusion fence will be installed along all streams to exclude livestock except for controlled access points such as stream crossings:	11
	Will applicant be installing a cross fence to facilitate rotational grazing?	10
	Will the applicant be installing a watering facility that will service two or more paddocks?	9
	Is this application for cost assistance for Heavy Use Area in heavy traffic areas such as gates or feeding pad areas? These points are not to be given for heavy use associated with water system facilities.	8
	Is this application for cost assistance for Stream Crossing.	7
	Applicant has requested prescribed burning to be performed as an understory burn but has not previously performed prescribed burning on their forestland.	7
	Applicant will plant longleaf pine on 50% or more of treated acres.	7
	According to Conservation Desktop topographic map or stream map, the tract boundary containing the treated area intersects or contains a stream within the tract boundary.	7
	Does the applicant have an existing wildlife food plot within the boundary of the treated area that will be maintained for the life of the EQIP contract?	6
	Is this application is for Herbicide Release on trees planted in last 3 years.	6
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Multi Species Cover Crop?	6
	For seasonal high tunnel request, has the applicant produced vegetable crops at least once within the past 3 years?	5
	For seasonal high tunnel request, has micro-irrigation been utilized in producing vegetable crops within the past 3 years?	4
	Will the applicant improve Soil Quality by planting a Single Species Cover Crop?	3
	Does the applicant agree to follow a basic irrigation water management plan?	2
	Is producer signing up for mortality freezer or incinerator	2
	None of the above	0

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Pickens*	applicant is willing to do prescribe burning to reduce the threat of wildfire and benefit wildlife habitat? This does not include site prep burns	20
	the site index for the selected species is > 80	18
	the applicant is willing to pre-commercial thin pine stand	16
	the applicant is willing to control invasive species?	15
	the applicant has/keeps written records for rotation of livestock between paddocks? Will need copy of prior year records	10
	applicant is willing to install access control fence to restrict access to sensitive areas? (ie.streams, ponds, ditches, etc.)	7
	applicant is willing to stablish cover Crop	5
	applicant is willing to establish at least 3 species of cover crop	4
	applicant has a CNMP developed by a qualified CNMP planner that is not more than 3 years old	3
	This application is to assist with irrigation practices in a row crop field	2
	None of the Above	0
Shelby*	the offered acres will benefit T&E aquatic species within a Strategic Habitat Unit or within 1 mile upstream of Critical Habitat	20
	applicant will plant a cover crop to protect soil from wind and water erosion	19
	applicant will be installing a heavy use area protection for feeding area	13
	applicant will be installing a cross fence to facilitate rotational grazing? Must provide at least 3 grazing paddocks	12
	applicant will be installing a watering facility that will service two or more paddocks	10
	the offered acres have a recent history of prescribed fire, within the last 3-5 years	8
	the participant has a Forest Management Plan, written by a Registered Forester, in place for the offered acres	7
	the offered acres will address water quality impairments? Must be in a 12-digit watershed of a stream that is on the ADEM 303D list due to pollution from agricultural source or a TMDL stream with an agricultural related pollutant layer	6
	the applicant has an existing energy audit that meets NRCS standards and specifications	5
	None of the above	0

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Sumter*	Is this application to consider funding for cross fencing and a water system intended to implement prescribed grazing on three or more paddocks?	20
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	Is this application for assistance with Herbicide Release on Trees planted within last 3 years?	5
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	the offered acres will address water quality impairments? Must be in a 12-digit watershed of a stream that is on the ADEM 303D list due to pollution from agricultural source or a TMDL stream with an agricultural related pollutant layer	6
	the applicant has an existing energy audit that meets NRCS standards and specifications	5
	None of the above	0
Tuscaloosa*	applicant is willing to do prescribe burning to reduce the threat of wildfire and benefit wildlife habitat? This does not include site prep burns	20
	the site index for the selected species is > 80	18
	the applicant is willing to pre-commercial thin pine stand	16
	the applicant has an existing wildlife food plot within the boundary of the treated area that will be maintained for the life of the EQIP contract	15
	the applicant is willing to control invasive species	10
	the applicant has/keeps written records for rotation of livestock between paddocks? Will need copy of prior year records	7
	applicant is willing to install access control fence to restrict access to sensitive areas? (ie. streams, ponds, ditches, etc.)	5
	applicant is willing to establish cover Crop	4
	applicant willing to establish at least 3 species of cover crop	3
	This application is to assist with irrigation practices in a row crop field.	2
	None of the above	0

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Washington*	Is the majority of the land use in the application Forestry & Wildlife?	45
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Grazing Land?	25
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Cropland and Soil Health?	15
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Animal Feeding Operations/Farmstead/Air Quality?	10
	Is the majority of the land use in the application Energy/Farmstead?	5
	None of the above	0
Wilcox*	the applicant is willing to install cross fencing, watering facilities, or heavy use areas in order to create or expand a rotational grazing system to at least 4 paddocks	20
	damage is visible from high traffic areas such as feeding locations, existing watering facilities, etc., where the applicant is willing to install heavy use areas to address	18
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	the producer is willing to treat Critically Eroding Areas on farming operation	3
	the producer is willing to implement new management practices in his/her row crop operation to reduce erosion	2
	None of the above	0

Detailed Assessments

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