

USDA Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool FY26 ID ACEP-ALE
General

Program ACEP

Pool Status Draft

Tags

Template ACEP-ALE (ProTracts)

Template Status Active

Existing Practice Included No

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National Pool No

Include States ID (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

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

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	50
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	--	40
Long term protection of land	35	45	75
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	5	50
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	5	40
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	5	30
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	5	50
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	5	40
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	20
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	5	50
Water (Salt losses to water)	0	5	20

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water (Source water depletion)	0	5	40
Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)	0	5	40

Animals (Livestock production limitation)

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

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

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

Long term protection of land

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

Plants (Degraded plant condition)

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

Plants (Pest pressure)

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

Soil (Concentrated erosion)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Erosion (Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels)	0	20	100
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	40	100
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	40	100

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

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

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

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

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

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

Water (Field pesticide loss)

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

Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)

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

Water (Salt losses to water)

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

Water (Source water depletion)

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

Water (Storage and handling of pollutants)

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

Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	00N	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	00N	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	00N	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	15	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	40	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	40	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

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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
Is General ALE Parcel in Idaho?	Yes	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is Parcel in Idaho?	yes	--
	Otherwise	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: National Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
1. Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland soil in the parcel to be protected.	Greater than 80%	25
	Greater than 70%	20
	Greater than 60%	15
	Greater than 50%	10
	Less than 49%	0
2. Percent of cropland, range land, grassland, historic grassland, pastureland, or nonindustrial private forest land in parcel to be protected.	Greater than 50%	15
	Greater than 40%	8
	Greater than 33%	4
	Less than 32%	0
3. Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county based on USDA Census of Agriculture. (USDA - NASS)	Ratio greater than 2	25
	Ratio greater than 1	7
	Ratio less than 0.99	0
4. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture. (USDA - NASS)	Decrease greater than 15 percent	15
	Decrease greater than 10 percent	9
	Decrease greater than 5 percent	5
	Decrease less than 5 percent	1
5. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture. (USDA - NASS)	Acreage decrease of greater than 15%	15
	Acreage decrease of greater than 10%	10
	Acreage decrease of greater than 5%	5
	Acreage decrease of greater than 3%	3
	Acreage decrease of less than 2.99%	0
6. Percent population growth in the county as documented by the U.S. Census. (Census Bureau)	County growth rate is more than 3 times the State growth rate	15
	County growth rate is more than 2 times the State growth rate	7
	County growth rate is more than 1 times the State growth rate	4
	County growth rate is less than .99 times the State growth rate	0

Section: National Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
7. Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent U.S. Census. (Census Bureau)	County population density is more than 3 times the State density	15
	County population density is more than 2 times the State density	7
	County population density is more than 1 times the State density	4
	County population density is less than 0.99 times the State density	0
8. Existence of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations.	Plan is documented and developed by an industry professional	5
	Plan is documented	2
	No plan is documented	0
9. Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, such as: compatible military installations; land owned in fee title by the United States or an Indian tribe, state or local government, or by a nongovernmental organization whose purpose is to protect agricultural use and related conservation values; or land that is already subject to an easement or deed restriction that limits the conversion of the land to nonagricultural use or protects grazing uses and related conservation values.	Adjoins to other protected land	15
	Within 1 mile of other protected land	10
	Within 3 miles of other protected land	5
	None of the above	0
10. Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and agricultural infrastructure.	Adjacent to other agriculture operations and infrastructure	15
	Within 1 mile of other agriculture operations and infrastructure	10
	Within 3 miles of other agriculture operations and infrastructure	5
	None of the above	0
11. Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or proximal acres devoted to agricultural use.	Links two noncontinuous corridors of protected agriculture use	20
	A contiguous or proximal expansion of protected agriculture use	10
	None of the above	0
12. Whether the land is currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in a contract that is set to expire within 1 year and is grassland that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	YES	10
	NO	0
13. Land is grassland of special environmental significance that would benefit from protection under a long-term easement.	YES	5
	NO	0
14. Percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement that is the eligible entity cash resources for payment of easement compensation to the landowner and comes from sources other than the landowner.	Entity contributes 50% of FMV	5
	Entity contributes 25-49% of FMV	3
	Entity contributes 10-24% of FMV	1
	Entity contributes less than 9.99% of FMV	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: State and Local Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Question	Answer Choices	Points
1. At least 50% of the parcel to be protected is located in an area zoned for agricultural use, or a zoning classification consistent with agriculture, or a similar classification if located in government units without classification.	YES	25
	NO	0
2. Offered parcel includes environmentally sensitive features such as wetlands, riparian corridors, natural water bodies, or unique scenic views.	YES	30
	NO	0
3. Offered parcel includes maintaining habitat for Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) per IDFG identified species on SWAP, critical habitat, or listed species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) per USFWS identified within IPaC.	YES	20
	NO	0
4. Eligible entity has a strategic farmland protection plan with specific agricultural focal areas identified. Proposed ALE parcel must be included within a focal area.	YES	15
	NO	0
5. Lead Eligible Entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements by monitoring 100 percent of its NRCS easements each year.	YES	5
	NO	0
6. Within the last three (3) fiscal years, has the Lead Eligible Entity closed on enrollments within the initial term of the Parcel Contract or ALE-Agreement attachment.	YES	50
	NO	0
7. Entity will develop an Agriculture Land Easement Plan (ALEP) for this parcel.	YES	10
	NO	0
8. Parcel falls within a state Source Water Protection Priority Area (SWPPA). (ID Source Water Protection Priority Areas FY25 layer)	Yes	10
	Otherwise	0
9. 50% or more of the offered parcel is located within an IDFG Big Game Priority Area.	Yes	5
	Otherwise	0
10. Offered parcel falls within an IDFG Mapped Migration Route.	Mapped Migration Route	20
	Within 1 mile	10
	Otherwise	0
11. Parcel qualifies for protects grazing uses and related conservation values land eligibility category.	YES	10
	NO	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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