

Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool NC_FY26_CSP LLPI & NIPF
Ranking Pool

Program CStwP

Pool Status Active

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Template CStwP

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Existing Practice Included Yes

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National Pool No

Include States NC (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 %
Animals (Livestock production limitation)	0	5	30
Animals (Terrestrial habitat)	0	5	30
Plants (Degraded plant condition)	0	10	30
Plants (Pest pressure)	0	15	30
Soil (Concentrated erosion)	0	19	30
Soil (Soil quality limitations)	0	10	30
Soil (Wind and water erosion)	0	20	30
Water (Field pesticide loss)	0	5	30
Water (Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss)	0	10	30
Water (Source water depletion)	0	1	30

Animals (Livestock production limitation)			
Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Livestock Health (Feed and forage balance)	0	50	50
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock shelter)	0	5	50
Livestock Health (Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution)	0	45	50

Animals (Terrestrial habitat)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial Habitat (Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates)	0	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	45	50
Soil Erosion (Classic gully erosion)	0	10	50
Soil Erosion (Ephemeral gully erosion)	0	45	50

Soil (Soil quality limitations)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Soil Health (Aggregate instability)	0	10	50
Soil Health (Compaction)	0	30	50
Soil Health (Concentration of salts or other chemicals)	0	10	50
Soil Health (Organic matter depletion)	0	30	50
Soil Health (Soil organism habitat loss or degradation)	0	20	50

Soil (Wind and water erosion)

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

Water (Field pesticide loss)

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to groundwater)	0	40	100
Water Quality (Pesticides transported to surface water)	0	60	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 (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

Practices

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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces	373	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
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

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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
Range Planting	550	00N, 01N	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
Spring Development	574	00N	Conservation Practices
Livestock Shelter Structure	576	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Stripcropping	585	00N	Conservation Practices
Nutrient Management	590	00N, 06N, 07N, 08N	Conservation Practices
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	591	00N	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
Salinity and Sodic Soil Management	610	00N	Conservation Practices
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	00N, 01N	Conservation Practices
Watering Facility	614	00N	Conservation Practices
Vegetated Treatment Area	635	00N	Conservation Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Narratives	Practice Type
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: NC_FY26_CSP LLP & NIPF_CSP Display Group (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 this PLU(s) application in the State of North Carolina and is forestland?	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

Section: Category

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Choose ALL categories applicable to applicant.	Coastal General	--
	Coastal Beginning Farmer Rancher	--
	Coastal Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Rancher	--
	Coastal Organic	--
	Coastal Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	Mountain General	--
	Mountain Beginning Farmer Rancher	--
	Mountain Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Rancher	--
	Mountain Organic	--
	Mountain Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	Piedmont General	--
	Piedmont Beginning Farmer Rancher	--
	Piedmont Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Rancher	--
	Piedmont Organic	--
	Piedmont Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	Sandhills General	--
	Sandhills Beginning Farmer Rancher	--
	Sandhills Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Rancher	--
	Sandhills Organic	--
	Sandhills Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP)	--
	LLPI General	--
	LLPI Beginning Farmer	--
	LLPI Socially Disadvantaged Farmer	--
	Reserve1	--
	Reserve2	--
	Reserve3	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: General Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a Veteran Farmer or Rancher (VFR)?	YES	20
	NO	0

Section: General Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Did the applicant participate in the CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP), and land included in the CSP application has come out of CRP within the last two years?	YES	5
	NO	0
Does the PLU intersect the High Priority Source Water Protection Areas FY23 layer?	Yes, the PLU intersects the SWPA.	--
	No, the PLU does not intersect the SWPA.	--
Will this application address field pesticide loss, field sediment/nutrient/pathogen loss, salt losses to water, source water depletion, storage and handling of nutrients?*	YES	--
	NO	--
Does the application include: 313 - Waste Storage Facility; 327 - Conservation Cover; 342 - Critical Area Planting; 351 - Well Decommissioning; 386 - Field Border; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 412 - Grassed Waterway; 449 - Irrigation Water Management; 472 - Access Control; 533 - Pumping Plant; 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection; 595 - Pest Management Conservation System; 642 - Water Well; and/or 614 - Watering Facility.*	YES	20
	NO	0
Does the producer have active CSP contract(s) but chooses not to include the newly acquired/newly eligible land?	YES	-200
	NO	--

Section: NIPF Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Using the CART Assessment completed for this application, identify the ONE land use group with the smallest number of state priority resource concern categories met at the time of application. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. Choose one response.	8 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	155
	7 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	135
	6 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	115
	5 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	95
	4 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	75
	3 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	55
	2 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	35
	1 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	15
	0 state priority resource concerns are met for NIPF	0

Section: LLPI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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Section: LLPI Program Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Using the CART Assessment completed for this application, identify the ONE land use group with the smallest number of state priority resource concern categories met at the time of application. Note: Associated Ag Land and Farmstead land uses are excluded from consideration. Choose one response.	8 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	155
	7 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	135
	6 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	115
	5 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	95
	4 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	75
	3 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	55
	2 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	35
	1 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	15
	0 state priority resource concerns are met for LLPI	0
The application includes at least one of the applicable core practices or completes a conservation system that supports core practices that are documented as already applied on the land under contract, and practices in the application are predominantly practices which contribute to the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of longleaf pine trees on the PLUs.	YES	--
	NO	--

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: NIPF Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
By the end of the contract, using the CART Summary Report completed for this application, the applicant will implement additional conservation activities on land use NIPF to select one of the options below.	4 or more resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	200
	4 or more resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds.	175
	3 resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	150
	3 resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds.	125
	2 resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	100
	2 resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds.	75
	1 resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	50
	1 resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds..	25
	No resource concern categories will move from Not Met to Met, Not Met to Exceeds, OR from Met to Exceeds on any land use.	0

Section: LLPI Resource Questions*

Question	Answer Choices	Points
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)?	YES	10
	NO	--
Is the field (acreage) where practice installation will take place within state-designated priority counties? States will use the national layer for LLPI Priority Counties: Longleaf_Pine_PriorityArea_Fy20	Yes	15
	Otherwise	0
Will the offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?	Yes	15
	No	0
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)?	YES	10
	NO	0
By the end of the contract, using the CART Summary Report completed for this application, the applicant will implement additional conservation activities on land use LLP to select one of the options below.	4 or more resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	150
	4 or more resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds.	130
	3 resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	110
	3 resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds.	90
	2 resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	70
	2 resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds.	50
	1 resource concern categories will move to Exceeds.	30
	1 resource concern categories will move to Met, or a combination of Met and Exceeds..	10
	No resource concern categories will move from Not Met to Met, Not Met to Exceeds, OR from Met to Exceeds on any land use.	0

Detailed Assessments

Name	Type	Jurisdiction	Status
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