



## FY 2027 CSP Ranking Questions – Florida

### **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

*(Not all questions are applicable to an application and assessment.)*

1. In the past three years the applicant had a contract terminated.  
Answer choices:  
Yes; No
2. Did the applicant self-certify as a historically underserved (beginning or socially disadvantaged) farmer or rancher on the NRCS CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application?  
Answer choices: Yes; No
3. Does the applicant meet the NRCS definition of a veteran farmer or rancher (VFR)?  
Answer choices: Yes; No
4. 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?  
Answer choices: Yes; No
5. Will the schedule of operation achieve a description of the participant's conservation objectives (including a quantitative or qualitative goal), a description of conservation practices or activities, a schedule, and the information needed to evaluate the effectiveness in achieving the conservation objectives? (E.g., CNMP: CPA 102 and DIA 101; CPA 106 and CPA 165)  
Answer choices: Yes; No
6. To qualify for the Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program funding category, do all of the following criteria apply: (1) The whole farm plan will meet Soil and Water resource concerns by the end of the contract on at least one land unit; (2) There is at least one planned primary regenerative practice; (3) CEMA 216 soil health testing will be scheduled at the beginning and end of the contract; and (4) Contract length will be at least 5 years.  
Answer choices: Yes; No
7. Did the applicant self-certify as Certified Organic, Transitioning to become Certified Organic, or Exempt from Organic Certification on the NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application?  
Answer choices:
  - Yes, and the applicant is transitioning to certified organic and will implement practices directly tied to an Organic System Plan (OSP)
  - Yes, and the applicant is already certified organic, or exempt from organic certification, and will implement practices that improve or expand OSP components
  - If Yes, and practices do not relate to organic production or OSP development, the planner must deselect the Organic funding category
  - No
8. Terrestrial and/or aquatic habitat resource concerns were evaluated in CART assessment and conservation practices planned on assessment PLUs will be scheduled in an CSP contract to enhance or improve wildlife habitat?  
Answer choices: Yes; No
9. Do assessment PLUs intersect a wildlife corridor?  
Answer choices: Yes; No
10. Field sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss and/or Field pesticide loss resource concerns were

evaluated in CART assessment and conservation practices planned on assessment PLUs to address water quality.

Answer choices: Yes; No

11. Are assessment PLUs adjacent to a 303d listed water body?

Answer choices: Yes; No

12. Are assessment PLUs within a source water protection area?

Answer choices: Yes; No

13. The planned land units (PLUs) included in the application intersect the LLPI geodata boundary layer.

Answer choices: Yes; No

14. Conservation practices planned on assessment PLUs predominantly contribute to the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of longleaf pine ecosystems.

Answer choices: Yes; No

15. Conservation practices planned on assessment PLUs includes at least one applicable core practice, or completes a conservation system that supports core practices already documented as applied on the land under contract. LLPI core conservation practices are: CPS 338, CPS 612, CPS 643, CPS 666.

Answer choices: Yes; No

16. Using the CART Summary Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Range or Pasture) with the smallest number of state priority resource concern categories (at the management group level, if there are multiple management groups with the land uses) met at the time of the application.

Answer choices:

- 7-8 state priority resource concerns are met at time of application
- 4-6 state priority resource concerns are met at time of application
- 2-3 state priority resource concerns are met at time of application

17. Using the CART Summary Report for this application, identify the one land use (Crop, Range or Pasture) with the smallest number of state priority resource concern categories (at the management unit if there are multiple management units with the land uses) that by the end of the contract, planned practices will flip the RCC status from either Unmet to Met or Met to Exceeds.

Answer choices:

- 7-8 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 6-5 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 4-3 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 2-1 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 0 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract

18. Using the CART Summary Report completed for this application, identify the one land use (Forest) with the smallest number of state priority resource concern categories (at the management group level, if there are multiple management groups with the land uses) met at the time of the application.

Answer choices:

- 7-8 state priority resource concerns are met at time of application
- 4-6 state priority resource concerns are met at time of application
- 2-3 state priority resource concerns are met at time of application

19. Using the CART Summary Report for this application, identify the one land use (Forest) with the



smallest number of state priority resource concern categories (at the management unit if there are multiple management units with the land uses) that by the end of the contract, planned practices will flip the RCC status from either Unmet to Met or Met to Exceeds.

Answer choices:

- 7-8 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 6-5 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 4-3 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 2-1 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract
- 0 state priority resource concerns are flip to met or exceed by the end of the contract

20. Is the field (acreage) where practice installation will take place within state-designated priority counties?

Answer choices: Yes; No

21. Will offered area connect two or more blocks of longleaf pine?

Answer choices: Yes; No

22. 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)?

Answer choices: Yes; No

23. 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)?

Answer choices: Yes; No