

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
 FY12 Seasonal High Tunnels

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY12 Seasonal High Tunnels		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer all of the following questions that apply regarding the project's impact on addressing resource concerns. Maximum points 300.	
1. a The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Conservation Crop Rotation (328) or supports an existing conservation crop rotation which meets FOTG quality criteria.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Nutrient Management (590) or supports an existing Nutrient Management plan which meets FOTG quality criteria to reduce the risk of nutrients moving offsite.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Integrated Pest Management (595) or supports an existing pest management plan which meets FOTG quality criteria to reduce the risk of pesticides moving offsite or other risks associated with cultural or biological pest suppressions.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. d The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes Irrigation Water Management (449) or supports an existing irrigation management plan that meets FOTG quality criteria.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. e The EQIP Schedule of Operations includes practices or supports the use of existing practices (such as; cover crops, residue management, and residue and tillage management) which will result in a positive Soil Condition Index (SCI) score as determined by RUSLE II.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer one of the following questions regarding the project's impact on energy use through local consumption. Maximum points 100.	
2. a Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 50 miles of the site.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 50 to 100 miles of the site.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c Will 75% or more of the crops produced with the Seasonal High Tunnel be consumed or marketed within 100 to 150 miles of the site.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will applicant or has applicant received formal educational training related to Seasonal High Tunnel Systems sponsored by an approved USDA organization?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does application include Micro-Irrigation System - Practice 441?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Has the treatment area been cultivated (defined as crops grown for at least 2 out of the last 5 years)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is applicant self-certified as a historically underserved farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is applicant locating the practice on land with a land suitability class 3 or lower?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the contract include Conservation Crop Rotation - Practice 328 or Cover Crop - Practice 340?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does applicant meet the Mississippi Small Farmer Program guidance acreage and income requirements (owns or operates 100 acres or less and has less than \$70,000 adjusted gross income)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is applicant a first time EQIP participant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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