

Part 519 – Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

Subpart J – Exhibits

519.98 Example Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form

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| <p style="text-align: center;">USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program Example Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form</p> |
| Fiscal Year |
| Landowner name and address |
| Cooperating entity(ies) name(s) and address(es) |
| State in which the parcel is located |
| County in which parcel is located |
| Locality (Town/Township) in which the parcel is located |
| Is the landowner AGI eligible? (Y/N) |
| Is the landowner HEL eligible? (Y/N) |
| Is the landowner WC eligible? (Y/N) |
| Name of NRCS employee confirming landowner eligibility |
| Signature of NRCS employee confirming landowner eligibility |
| Is the cooperating entity eligible? (Y/N) |
| Name of NRCS employee confirming entity eligibility |

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| Signature of NRCS employee confirming entity eligibility | | |
| Does cooperating entity have a pending offer for the parcel? (Y/N) | | |
| Name of NRCS employee confirming parcel offer | | |
| Signature of NRCS employee confirming parcel offer | | |
| Does the land have 50 percent prime, unique, and important farmland? (Y/N) | | |
| Does the land have historic or archeological resources? (Y/N) | | |
| Does the land have land that supports the policy of a State or local farm and ranch land protection program? (Y/N) | | |
| Is the land eligible? (Y/N) | | |
| Name of NRCS employee confirming land eligibility | | |
| Signature of NRCS employee confirming land eligibility | | |
| Nationally Mandated Factors (Must be 50 Percent of Total Points) (Scaling and Maximum Points May Be Adjusted By Each State) | | |
| Ranking Factor and Scaling | Maximum Points | Points |
| Percent of prime, unique, and important farmland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 4 points for every percent above 50 percent) (National Mandate – 0 points for 50 percent or less - Eligibility Criteria) | 200 | |
| Percent of cropland, pastureland, grassland, and rangeland in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 3 points for every percent above 33 percent) (National Mandate – 0 points for 33 percent or less - Eligibility Criteria) | 200 | |
| Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for a ratio of 1 or less, 50 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0, 100 points for ratios of greater than 2.0) (National Mandate – 0 points for ratio of 1 or less) | 100 | |

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| <p>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</p> <p>(USDA - NASS - Census of Agriculture) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 50 points for decreases of 0 to 5 percent, 100 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent, 50 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent, 0 points for decreases of more than 15 percent) (National Mandate – 0 points for 0 percent or less)</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)</p> <p>(0 points for growth rate of less than the State growth rate, 50 points for growth rate of one to two times the state growth rate, 100 points for growth rate of two to three times the state growth rate, 0 points for growth rate of more than three times the state growth rate) (National Mandate – 0 points growth rate less than the state growth rate)</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (Census Bureau Home Page)</p> <p>(0 points for population density less than the state population density, 50 points for population density of one to two times the State population density, 100 points for population density of two to three times the State population density, 0 points for population density of more than three times the State population density) (National Mandate – 0 points population density less than the state population density)</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Proximity of the parcel to other protected land, including military installations</p> <p>(0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 50 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 100 points for 500 acres or more of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure</p> <p>(0 points for less than 500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 50 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 100 points for 500 acres or more of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)</p> | 100 | |
| <p>Total Points for Nationally Mandated Ranking Factors</p> | 1000 | |
| State Ranking Factors | | |
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