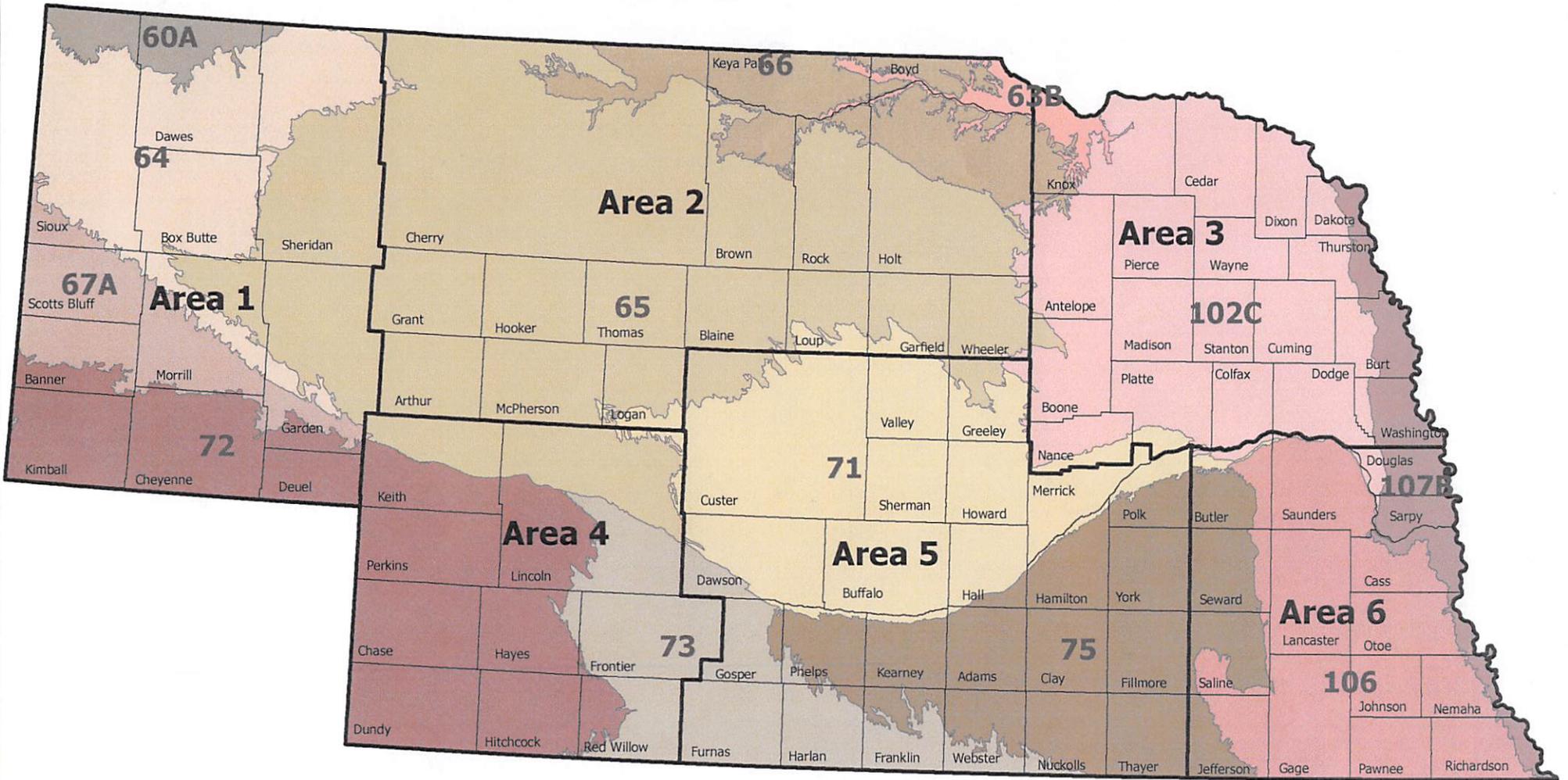


CSP Ranking Pool Proposal 2017



CSP 2017 Proposed Pools

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| | Central High Plains, Northern Part | | Dakota-Nebraska Eroded Tableland | | Nebraska and Kansas Loess-Drift Hills |
| | Central High Tableland | | Iowa and Missouri Deep Loess Hills | | Pierre Shale Plains and Badlands |
| | Central Loess Plains | | Loess Uplands | | Rolling Plains and Breaks |
| | Central Nebraska Loess Hills | | Mixed Sandy and Silty Tableland | | Southern Black Glaciated Plains |
| | | | Nebraska Sand Hills | | Southern Rolling Pierre Shale Plains |

2017 CSP - Resource Concerns and Practices by Land Use

Resource Concern	Targeted RCs by Pool					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Soil erosion	X	X	X	X	X	X
SQ Degradation		X	X		X	X
Excess Water						
Insufficient water	X			X	X	
WQ degradation	X	X	X	X	X	X
Air quality						
Degraded plants						
Fish & wildlife	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lvstk Prod Limit.	X	X	X	X		X
Inefficient energy						

Area 1

1. Is at least 25% of the application located in an NRD water allocation area? [5 Points]
2. Is at least 25% of the land in the offer located within a Biologically Unique Landscape (BUL)? [5 points]
3. Will the resource concern "Insufficient Water" be treated through the use of conservation activities on at least 50% of the irrigated acres in this application? [15 Points]
4. Will the conservation activities included in the application create or enhance wildlife habitat and/or pollinator habitat on 5% or less of the acres in the application? [4 Points]
5. Will the conservation activities included in the application create or enhance wildlife habitat and/or pollinator habitat on 6% to 20% of the acres in the application? [6 Points]
6. Will the conservation activities included in the application create or enhance wildlife habitat and/or pollinator habitat on more than 20% of the acres in the application? [10 Points]
7. Will the conservation activity include a treatment that will reduce water and/or wind erosion on either crop, range or pastureland? [30 Points]
8. Does this application include a conservation activity to convert cropland to pasture, range or wildlife land? [30 Points]
9. Will a season-long grazing system be converted to a rotational grazing system and have utilization levels and stocking rates at or below NRCS recommended levels? (allow for a 20% difference between NRCS suggested stocking rates and producer's actual stocking rates) [30 points]
10. Will a grazing system (rotation or season-long) be enhanced by installing at least one conservation activity and having utilization levels and stocking rates at or below NRCS recommended levels? (allow for a 20% difference between NRCS suggest stocking rates and producer's actual stocking rates) [10 points]
11. Will the resource concern "Water Quality" be treated through the use of conservation activities to install new or improve existing buffer(s) or field borders? [5 Points]

AREA 2

1. Is at least 50% of the operation located in a priority watershed, as identified by the local working group? [5 Points]
2. Will a well decommissioning be performed to limit ground water quality degradation? [10 Points]
3. Will the conservation activity provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production? [5 Points]
4. Will the conservation activity you intend to implement improve air quality by reducing and intercepting air borne odors or provide a sound barrier? [5 Points]
5. Will the conservation activity you intend to implement improve or maintain desired species composition and vigor of plant communities? [15 Points]
6. Will the treatment you intend to implement enhance wildlife habitat and/or pollinator habitat? [5 Points]
7. Will the conservation activities planned on forest land improve structure and composition with the intent to restore stand structure currently threatened by invasive species? [15 Points]
8. Will the conservation activity include a treatment that will reduce sheet and rill erosion on either crop, range or pastureland? [10 Points]
9. Will a cover crop conservation activity will be performed on at least 50 percent of the cropland in the operation? [20 Points]
10. Will the planned conservation activity improve, restore, develop, or protect habitat for a listed threatened or endangered species? [10 Points]
11. Will the resource concern "Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients in Surface Water" be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [5 points]
12. Does this application include an enhancement to convert cropland to pasture? [20 Points]
13. Will the resource concern "Inefficient Moisture Management" be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [10 Points]
14. Is the applicant's current stocking rate\utilization on the entire operation less than the NRCS recommendation? [15 Points]

Area 3

1. Does the CSP application include at least three activities per land use? [30 Points]
2. Does the pasture and rangeland land uses include at least three activities each planned on the land uses? [5 Points]
3. Is at least 50% of the land use in the application located in a local priority watershed as identified by the local working group? [25 Points]
4. Does this application include conservation activities that convert cropland to pastureland or wildlife land? [25 Points]
5. Does the CSP application have at least fifty percent of the cropland land use planned to include a cover crop enhancement? [30 Points]
6. Does the CSP application address all ephemeral and gully erosion on the cropland land use on the entire operation within the first two years of the contract? [30 Points]
7. Does the CSP application include activities to address wildlife habitat degradation on all land uses in the application within the first two years of the contract? [5 Points]

Area 4

1. The resource concern "Insufficient Water" will be treated through the use of conservation activities on 100% of the applicable land use acres in the application. [30 Points]
2. The resource concern "Insufficient Water" will be treated through the use of conservation activities on 50% of greater of the applicable land use acres in the application. [15 Points]
3. The resource concern "Insufficient Water" will be treated through the use of conservation activities on 25%-50% of the applicable land use acres in the application. [5 Points]
4. Is at least 50% of the land use in the application located in a local priority watershed as identified by the local working group? [25 Points]
5. Does this application include conservation activities that convert cropland to pastureland or wildlife land? [25 Points]
6. The resource concern "Livestock Production Limitation" will be treated through the use of conservation activities on 100% of the applicable land use acres in the application. [30 Points]
7. The resource concern "Livestock Production Limitation" will be treated through the use of conservation activities on 50% or greater of the applicable land use acres in the application. [15 Points]
8. The resource concern "Livestock Production Limitation" will be treated through the use of conservation activities on 25% to 50% of the applicable land use acres in the application. [5 Points]

Area 5

1. Will the resource concern "Water Quality" (392, 340, 342, 380, 391, 393, 395, 512, 590, 595, 633, 654, and 655) be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [50 Points]
2. Will the resource concern "Water Quantity" (328, 342, 362, 380, 412, 449, 550, 590, 595, 600, and 638) be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [50 Points]
3. Will the resource concern "soil Erosion/Soil Quality" (328, 329, 640, 342, 380, 391, 395, 410, 412, 512, 528, 550, 590, 595, 600, 612, and 654) be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [50 Points]

Area 6

1. Will the planned conservation activities include an existing or planned Resource-Conserving Crop Rotation? [15 Points]
2. Will a cover crop conservation activity will be performed on at least fifty percent of all cropland in the contract on an annual basis? [20 Points]
3. Will the planned conservation activities include a practice (excluding 340 – cover crop) to address sheet/rill erosion on all HEL cropland acres? [5 Points]
4. Will the planned conservation activities include at least 3 enhancements on each land use? [10 Points]
5. Does the application include an enhancement to establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect habitat on any land use? [10 Points]
6. Will the planned conservation activities include a bundle of enhancements? [5 Points]
7. Does the application include more than one land use? [5 Points]
8. Will the planned conservation activities on pastureland result in the producer following a Prescribed Grazing Plan (528)? [5 Points]
9. Does the application include conservation activities that address 3 or more Priority Resource Concerns? [5 Points]
10. Will the planned conservation activities be implement within a 100% continuous no-till system on all cropland acres? [10 Points]
11. Will the resource concern “water quality degradation” be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [15 Points]
12. Will the planned conservation activity improve, restore, develop or protect habitat for a listed threatened or endangered species or pollinators? [5 Points]
13. Will the resource concern “soil erosion” be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application to control sheet and rill and ephemeral gully erosion on all cropland on the entire application? [20 Points]
14. Will the planned conservation activity treat “water quality concerns” within the local work group natural resources areas of concern priority watersheds? [5 Points]
15. Will the planned conservation activity treat “water quality concerns” by addressing upland runoff being filtered from all land uses before entering watercourses? [10 Points]
16. Will the resource concern “degraded plant condition” be treated through the use of conservation activities included in this application? [5 Points]