

Massachusetts 2010 Grassland Reserve Program Ranking Criteria



Client Name: Date Application Submitted:

Number of Acres Enrolled: Annual rental rate/acre: Farm/Tract (s) #:

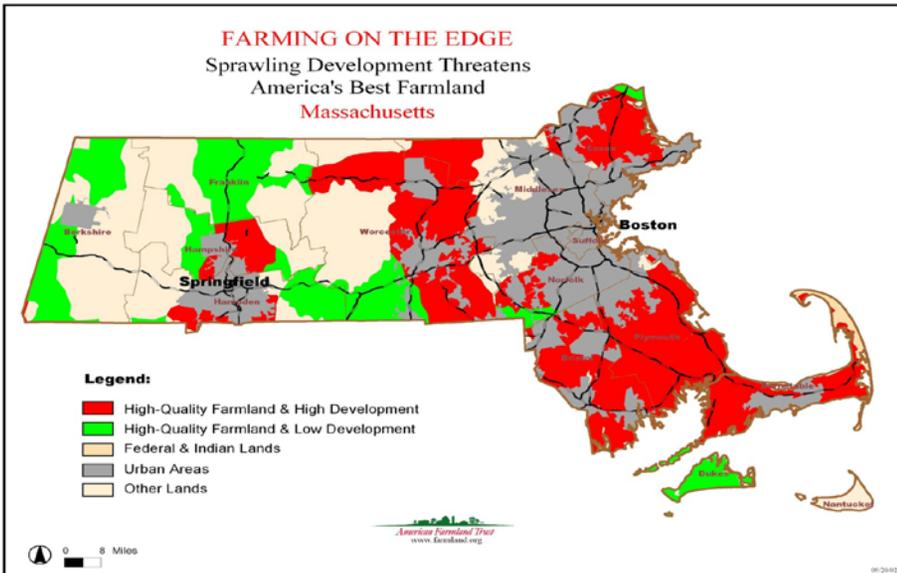
Service Center: Ranking Completed by:

	Ranking Criteria		If you circled YES in previous column, assign appropriate points	Points Assigned
1	The GRP application is for a:			
	10-year rental contract?	Yes/ No/ NA	250	<input type="text"/>
	15-year rental contract?	Yes/ No/ NA	500	<input type="text"/>
	20-year rental contract?	Yes/ No/ NA	750	<input type="text"/>
	Permanent easement	Yes/ No/ NA	2000	<input type="text"/>
2	Is land part of an existing grazing operation? Horse operations (unless used for draft purposes on the farm) are not eligible.	Yes/ No /NA	1000	<input type="text"/>
3	Is the primary goal of the landowner to improve habitat for grassland birds or other wildlife species? I.e., no grazing will take place.	Yes/ No /NA	4000	<input type="text"/>
4	Is land area:			
	50 contiguous acres or greater?	Yes/ No/ NA	2000	<input type="text"/>
	26 - 49 contiguous acres?	Yes/ No/ NA	1000	<input type="text"/>
	1 - 25 contiguous acres?	Yes/ No/ NA	500	<input type="text"/>
5	Refer to American Farmland Trust's map ("Farming on the Edge") on page 2 of this application. Is land under the greatest threat of conversion from grassland to non-agricultural use?			
	Red or Gray Areas on AFT Map	Yes/ No/ NA	2000	<input type="text"/>
	Green Areas on AFT Map	Yes/ No/ NA	1000	<input type="text"/>
	Tan Areas on AFT Map	Yes/ No/ NA	100	<input type="text"/>
6	Is land under the greatest threat of conversion from grassland to forest?			
	Site is dominated by woody species (>50% cover)	Yes/ No/ NA	2000	<input type="text"/>
	Site has scattered woody species (10-50% cover)	Yes/ No/ NA	1000	<input type="text"/>
	Site is dominated by grasses, forbs or annual crops	Yes/ No/ NA	100	<input type="text"/>

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7	Is land under the greatest threat of conversion from grassland to cropland? Are "Prime Farmland" soils present on proposed area?	Yes/ No/ NA	2000	
8	Does land offered have a highly erodible lands (HEL) determination?	Yes/ No/ NA	100	
9	Estimated restoration costs:			
	No restoration required.	Yes/ No/ NA	2000	
	Limited restoration required; soil amendments only	Yes/ No/ NA	1000	
	Moderate restoration; mowing and chemical brush control.	Yes/ No/ NA	200	
	Extensive restoration; tree removal and structural practices such as fencing and watering systems.	Yes/ No/ NA	0	
10	<p>For Hayland: Client understands that for acreage that is hayed, mowed or harvested for seed production, <u>mowing activities shall take place before May 20th AND after August 1st to protect primary nesting period for grassland birds.</u> Other limitations on landuse may be required depending upon location of priority habitats for "at risk" or other T&E species.</p>	Yes or No		



TOTAL POINTS = 0

County	Rental Rates/Acre
Barnstable	\$15.00
Berkshire	\$12.00
Bristol	\$15.00
Dukes	\$15.00
Essex	\$15.00
Franklin	\$11.00
Hampden	\$13.00
Hampshire	\$12.00
Middlesex	\$15.00
Nantucket	\$15.00
Norfolk	\$15.00
Plymouth	\$15.00
Suffolk	\$15.00
Worcester	\$14.00