

BASIC CONSERVATION SYSTEMS (BCS)

Quality Criteria - Cropland

The following section defines Quality Criteria for the soil resource when dealing with USDA program requirements for highly erodible land. These criteria apply only to conservation plans and conservation systems developed to carry out the provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 (FSA) and the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACTA).

A Basic Conservation System (BCS) is the erosion component (soil resource) of Resource Management System.

Any combination of management, vegetational, and/or mechanical practices that achieve soil loss tolerance levels ("T") from the effects of sheet, rill, ephemeral gully erosion shall be considered a Basic Conservation System.