

Conservation Effects

Land use: Cropland

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Resource Setting: Cropland not adjacent to surface water. Manure applied. Irrigated.

RMS Alternative #1

- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Grassed Waterway (412)
- Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
- Irrigation Water Management (449)
- Nutrient Management (590)
- Pest Management (595)
- Residue Management
 - (one or more of the following):
 - Mulch Till (329B)
 - No-till and Strip Till (329A)

Typical Resource Concerns	Practice(s) that treat the resource concern to Quality Criteria levels*	Comments
SOIL Erosion		
1) Sheet & rill erosion	Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Irrigation Water Management (449) Residue Management, Mulch Till (329B) Residue Management, No-till and Strip Till (329A)	soil loss less than “T”
2) Wind erosion	Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Residue Management, Mulch Till (329B) Residue Management, No-till and Strip Till (329A)	soil loss less than “T”
3) Ephemeral gully/concentrated flow erosion	Grassed Waterway (412)	gullies stabilized
4) Classic gully/concentrated flow erosion	Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	gullies stabilized
WATER Quality – ground water		
1) Pesticides	Conservation Crop Rotation (328) Irrigation Water Management (449) Pest Management (595)	pesticide movement minimized
2) Nutrients	Irrigation Water Management (449) Nutrient Management (590)	nutrient movement minimized
WATER Quality – surface water – no concern		
WATER Quantity		
1) Irrigation Water Source	Irrigation Water Management (449)	Application rate is not excessive.

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AIR		
1) Airborne Chemical Drift	Pest Management (595)	Application in compliance with laws and consistent with Drift Management Plan.
2) Airborne Odors		No complaints.
PLANTS		
1) Invasive species and noxious weeds	Pest Management (595)	Invasive species and noxious weeds controlled.
ANIMAL Habitat		
1) Wildlife Habitat secondary purpose	Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	Crop rotation must consist of row crops-small grains-grass/legumes and provide >10% unharvested areas unless other practices and/or field conditions provide a Crop Habitat Index of 0.35 (e.g., small field size, short distance to cover, high crop residue amounts)
ANIMAL Management		
1) Threatened and endangered species	Pest Management (595)	Laws regarding T&E species followed.

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