

Conservation Effects Data for Guidance Documents

Effects of conservation practices are included in this subsection and expressed in either narrative or quantitative terms that represent situations outlined in Guidance Documents from *Section III*.

Conservation Effects

The difference between "before and after treatment" or "with vs without treatment" input/output conditions represents change. *Conservation effects* represent the quantitative and qualitative descriptive characteristics of the treatment outcomes. They are the overall results which provide a general view of the treatment and its effectiveness. The effects show what a practice or system looks like, its characteristics and results, and represent the general expectations achievable elsewhere if the resource conditions are relatively similar.

The effects of a conservation option can be relied upon by the planner for depicting the expected response to treatment for a given conservation option and resource situation. The conservation effects and associated impacts provide an abundance of information for new clients to begin evaluating the appropriateness of the case study to their specific situation and then build their own conservation plans.