

INTRODUCTION

Resource Management Systems (RMS) is a combination of conservation practices which meet the needs of the six resource concerns. One or more of these concerns may exist on a farm or field. Select the conservation practices on the page entitled Common Resource Management Systems, Section III, which will fulfill the needs of the resource concern.

For capability class I, II, AND III the first recommendation should be cropland. For land in capability classes IV, V, VI, AND VII, the first recommendation should be rangeland or pastureland perennial vegetation.

The following guide sheets contain minimum acceptable treatment for the erosion control component of resource management systems. They will be used for developing Basic Conservation Systems on Highly Erodible Land as well as for developing treatment for Erosion Control concerns of the RMS.

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The following terms and assumptions will be considered footnotes to all guide sheets:

1. The percent shown in alternatives for High Residue Crop, Close Spaced High Residue, or Cover and Green Manure Crop refers to amount of land covered by this practice each year or the percent of the number of years with this practice applied, i.e., 66% of a field with this practice each year or 2 years out of 3 years with this practice applied on the entire field.

2. The designation "R" indicates "Required", "N" indicates "As Needed", and "X" as being applicable for the alternative.

3. "Grazed-out" land will have 3,000 pounds of residue on the soil for soil protection during fallow periods. "Grazed-out" crops do not qualify as Cover and Green Manure Crops.

4. The last alternative will allow "existing terraces" not to be contour farmed. A terrace maintenance statement will be planned. Terraces which are planned, designed, and constructed will be contour farmed.

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