

**Resource Management System
(RMS)**

A combination of conservation practices and resource management activities for the treatment of all identified resource concerns for soil, water, air, plants, animals, and humans that meets or exceeds the quality criteria in the FOTG for resource sustainability.

Quality Criteria

A quantitative or qualitative statement of the treatment level required to achieve RMS quality criteria for the identified resource consideration for a particular land area. Established in accordance with local, state, and federal programs and regulations in consideration of ecological, economic and social effects. (Section 3, FOTG)

**Conservation Management Unit
(CMU)**

A field, group of fields, or other land units of the same land use and having similar treatment needs and planned management. A CMU is a grouping by the planner to simplify planning activities and facilitate development of conservation management systems. A CMU has definite boundaries such as fence, drainage, vegetation, topography or soil lines.

**EQIP
Required Level of Treatment**

As a minimum, the conservation plan must enable the producer to achieve the RMS quality criteria for the priority natural resource concern. The minimum planning unit will be a Conservation Management Unit.

Operating Unit

An operating unit is all the land within a single FSA farm number that has separate ownership and is operated by the same person(s). An exception to the above is if a person can show that part of a farm or ranching operation is completely separate and apart from the rest.