1. It has been determined that the purpose of management practice incentive payments is to introduce and educate a producer on the particular methods and actions needed to adopt a new style of management activity. Management practice incentives are not associated with a particular land unit as is a structural practice. However, this does not mean that in contracting these practices, a specific land unit on which the management will be applied does not need to be documented. It is necessary to document this information in order to determine compliance with the contract. All management practices are limited to a maximum of 3 years per person or entity. The limitation is in effect for the duration of the 2002 Farm Bill and covers any and all contracts held by an individual or entity.

2. An exception to the 3 year maximum participation rule may be granted in limited circumstances when the resource environment that the practice was originally planned for is significantly different. For further guidance, contact the EQIP program manager for more information and approval.