



2010 Annual Report Soil Survey Program

This report contains fiscal year activity for the state of Colorado from the time period of October 2009 to September 2010.

Who We Are

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers and others care for the land. NRCS has six mission goals that include high quality, productive soils; clean and abundant water; healthy plant and animal communities; clean air; an adequate energy supply; and working farms and ranchlands.

Vision

Productive Lands -
Healthy Environment

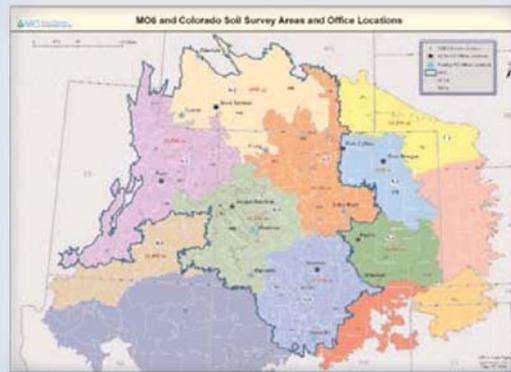
Mission

Helping People Help the Land

“Soil surveys can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning.

Furthermore, the NRCS Web Soil Survey provides soil data and access to the largest natural resource information system in the world.”

**Steve Park,
State Soil Scientist**



The MLRA Soil Survey Offices, established within the past few years, will ignore political boundaries, resulting in a seamless and more uniform inventory of soils.

To view soil survey maps, visit <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>.

The Program

Soil surveys have been an important resource tool for 100 years. At first, soil surveys were conducted to find areas in which to expand agriculture. Today, they are used to plan ways to protect soil and water from erosion, sedimentation, and pollution.

Federal, state, and local governments, private individuals, and businesses use soil information for:

- Agriculture
- Engineering
- Transportation
- Urban development
- Wetlands
- Wildlife habitat
- Farm Bill program eligibility and ranking criteria

Colorado Encompasses:

- 66,618,200 acres
- 63 percent in private ownership
- 22 percent National Forest Lands
- 12 percent U.S. Bureau of Land Management Lands
- The rest is divided between National Parks, Native American ownership, and other Federal lands.

Soil Surveys Available

Soil surveys are available in published or in draft form for 99.8 percent of the state's privately owned and state land, and 99.5 percent of the state's federal land.

It is estimated that digital soil survey information will be available for all private lands by the end of 2011.

2010 Accomplishments

Approximately 2.8 million acres of land were mapped or updated.

Soil surveys were posted in digital form for Rio Grande National Forest, Western Part.

Colorado NRCS Soil Survey celebrated their Final Acre Ceremony for the state to mark the end of the field mapping phase of the initial soil survey. Draft information is available for all lands except for Denver County.

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