



Prime and Important Farmland Soils Connecticut

Prime farmland soils are soils that have the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops, and are also available for these uses (the land could be cropland, pastureland, range land, forest land, or other land, but not urban built-up land or water). It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to economically produce sustained high yields of crops when treated and managed, including water management, according to acceptable farming methods.

Statewide important farmland soils are those that fail to meet one or more of the requirements of prime farmland, but are important for the production of food, feed, fiber or forage crops. They include those soils that are nearly prime farmland and that economically produce high yields of crops when treated or managed according to acceptable farming methods.

Some soils displayed as "Prime and Important farmland soils" are within low density residential areas.

Prime

Statewide Important

Data Source

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