Farmland Soils

- All areas are prime farmland
- Farmland of statewide importance
- Farmland of local importance

Prime Farmland
In general, prime farmlands have an adequate and dependable water supply from precipitation or irrigation, a favorable temperature and growing season, a permeable soil, a relatively level surface, a soil that is well drained, and a suitable cropping area. They have a dependable water supply from precipitation or irrigation, and they are not excessively eroded or saturated with water for a long period of time, and they seldom flood frequently or are protected from flooding.

Farmland of Statewide Importance
This is land in addition to prime and unique farmlands, that is of statewide importance for the production of food, feed, fiber, forage and oilseed crops. Criteria for defining and delineating this land are to be determined by the appropriate State agency or agencies. Generally, additional farmlands of statewide importance include those that are nearly prime farmland and that economically produce high yields of crops when treated and managed according to acceptable farming methods. Some may produce as high a yield as prime farmlands if conditions are favorable.

Farmland of Local Importance
In some local areas there is concern for certain additional farmlands for the production of food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops, even though these lands are not identified as having national or statewide importance.

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