

Prime Farmland Classification of Soils on the WebSoilSurvey

<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

1. Click on link above or Google WebSoilSurvey & choose it:
2. Click on big green Start WSS button;
3. First tab to work with is to determine an Area of Interest (AOI) -
Zoom in by clicking on the spot you need (maybe 10 times), or use the click and drag a square to get close to your project, then use either the square red AOI button above the map or the red polygon button, and put an outline around your project area (double click to finish the area): map will reform with a hatched area AOI.
Tip: you will have to scroll the map up & down to see the whole project
4. Now that you have an AOI established on the map, the next tabs are available up top: choose the Soil Data Explorer;
now more tabs appear below – choose Suitabilities and Limitations for Use:
then choose Land Classifications:
choose Farmland Classification:
click on the “View Rating” box.
scroll down below the map to see the Farmland classification chart,
5. For a pdf printout of the map and chart, go up above the map on the right and choose “Add to Shopping Cart”, (add a suitable title),
go up another line to click on the Shopping Cart (free) tab,
the map goes blank – click on the “Check Out” box,
choose the “Get now” button,
click “OK”,
(may need to allow popups from this site onto your browser).
6. A pdf report appears that you can download for your project or print off immediately.
Tip: If you are doing multiple AOI's from the same computer, you will need to close your browser for the computers to disconnect their “handshake”.