FARMLAND SOILS
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT

LEGEND

Prime Farmland Soils are those soils that have the best combination of soil physical and chemical properties, and are most suitable for crop production. They are soils that are on level to gently sloping fields, have a high organic matter content, sufficient water-holding capacity, and can support the highest production per hectare of grains, legumes, and other forage and horticultural crops.

Secondary Prime Farmland Soils are those soils that also have prime characteristics, but may have lower production potential due to slight physical limitations such as slope, soil type, or depth. They are soils that can support the highest production of grains, legumes, and other forage and horticultural crops.

Locally Important Farmland Soils are those soils that, although not in the prime or secondary categories, are important for the production of food, feed, fiber, and oil seed crops, and may be used for these purposes. They are soils that may be on steeper slopes, have lower organic matter content, or be more prone to erosion, but can still support the highest production of grains, legumes, and other forage and horticultural crops.

EXPLANATION

This map shows the farmland soils in Canterbury, Connecticut, and highlights the prime farmland soils. The map is designed to help farmers and landowners identify the best areas for crop production. The soils are categorized as prime farmland, secondary prime farmland, and locally important farmland, based on their physical and chemical properties.

DATA SOURCES

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Map of farmland soils in Canterbury, Connecticut. Scaled at 1:10,000. Published on June 1, 2018. Map includes all soils that meet the criteria for prime farmland, secondary prime farmland, and locally important farmland.

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