soils data contact the NRCS. This map identifies land that is defined as prime farmland, which is land that has the combination of physical and chemical characteristics for farming practices. This land is most suitable for producing food, feed, fiber, forage, and resource base for the future of agriculture in CT. The Program’s goal is to secure a food and fiber producing land base while allowing the land to be used for other purposes, such as urban development, recreation, and natural resource conservation. Soil characteristics considered in this analysis include physical and chemical properties, and the land is mapped based on soil type and its suitability for commercial cultivation.