This map is prepared as a guide to identify the location and extent of those lands that have productive soils. Those lands may qualify to be protected in the Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) which is reauthorized in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. This map does not show all the soils designated as farmland soils. The primary and separate important farmland soils are in productive agricultural lands as defined and identified in the Agricultural Protection Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198) and the Farmland Protection Program (7 CFR title 7, part 657). It identifies the location and extent of statewide important farmland or locally important farmland based on soils factors. Those lands may be important to the local economy due to their sustained high yields or crops when treated and managed, or to the location of those lands near the urban built-up areas or water bodies. It has the soil quality, growing season, and climate which will support high crop yields when treated according to their soil management capabilities.

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DATA SOURCES

Soils Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) database produced by the NRCS which are available from the NRCS website. These digital soils databases are based on the soils data that are recorded by the NRCS as part of its soil surveying activities. These soils data were collected during the 1940’s through the 1980’s after which the soils data was updated and mapped by NRCS soils scientists and NRCS State Conservationist's. Where possible, the soils data has been combined into a single format and for each data record, the map information has been converted into an ArcGIS vector file. The color and symbolization that are used in the map and digital data correspond to the soil colors and symbols that are used in the ArcGIS vector file. The soil data that is used in the map is displayed in the same format that are used in the ArcGIS vector file.