This map is prepared as a guide to identify the location and extent of lands that have prime farmland soils. These soils support high yields of crops and can be productively managed to sustain high yields or crops when treated and managed.

**Prime Farmland Soils** are those soils that have the best characteristics to produce high yields of crops and are currently or recently farmed. These soils support most or all of the pastures, grains, vegetables, fruits, and root crops that are produced on the farm.

**Separate Important Farmland Soils** are those soils that are not prime farmland soils but are of some importance as farmland. These soils support crops of either high value or high production potential and can be sustained high yields or crops when treated and managed.

**Local Important Farmland Soils** are those soils that are not prime farmland soils but are of local importance as farmland. These soils support crops of either local value or production potential and can be sustained high yields or crops when treated and managed.

**DATA SOURCES**

- Farmland Planning and Resource Management (FARM) program data
- Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database
- USDA-NRCS National Soil Database

**EXPLANATION**

The use of these soils is strictly regulated to ensure their sustainability and productivity. The map provides information on the location and extent of prime farmland soils, separate important farmland soils, and local important farmland soils. This information is useful for planning and managing agricultural activities to maintain the productivity and sustainability of these soils.