

Land Classification Interpretations

Prime and Important Farmland

Prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops, and is also available for these uses (the land could be cropland, pastureland, forest land, or other land, but not urban built-up land or water). It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to economically produce sustained high yields of crops when treated and managed, including water management, according to acceptable farming methods.

In general, prime farmlands have an adequate and dependable water supply from precipitation or irrigation, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable acidity or alkalinity, acceptable salt content, and few or no rocks. They are permeable to water and air. Prime farmlands are not excessively erodible or saturated with water for a long period of time, and they either do not flood frequently or are protected from flooding.

This section includes lists of soil survey map units that meet the soil requirements for prime farmland in the county and state. Soils that have limitations, such as a high water table or flooding, may qualify as prime farmland if these limitations are overcome by such measures as drainage or flood control. State important soils are also noted.

This subsection includes:

- **(a) County Prime Farmland List**
- **(b) Missouri's Soil Survey Mapping Units Denoting Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance**

Pemiscot County, Missouri
 Prime Farmland

(Only the soils considered prime farmland are listed. Urban or built-up areas of the soils listed are not considered prime farmland. If a soil is prime farmland only under certain conditions, the conditions are specified in parentheses after the soil name.)

Map symbol	Soil name
Ca	Caruthersville very fine sandy loam, frequently flooded (Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season)
Ch	Caruthersville very fine sandy loam, sandy substratum variant, frequently flooded (Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season)
Cm	Commerce sandy loam, rarely flooded
Cr	Commerce silt loam, rarely flooded
Cs	Commerce silty clay loam, rarely flooded
Db	Dubbs silt loam
Dd	Dundee sandy loam, rarely flooded
De	Dundee silt loam, rarely flooded
Dn	Dundee silt loam, thick surface variant, rarely flooded
Du	Dundee silty clay loam, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Ha	Hayti sandy loam, overwash, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Hc	Hayti silty clay, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Hy	Hayti silty clay loam, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Po	Portageville clay, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Pr	Portageville silty clay loam, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Re	Reelfoot loam, rarely flooded
Rf	Reelfoot sandy loam, overwash, rarely flooded
Sh	Sharkey clay, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Sk	Sharkey sandy loam, overwash, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Sm	Sharkey silty clay loam, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
St	Steele sandy loam, rarely flooded
Tp	Tiptonville silt loam, rarely flooded
Wa	Wardell loam, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)
Wd	Wardell sandy clay loam, rarely flooded (Prime farmland if drained)