

## Construction Material

### General

Soils are rated as sources for roadfill, topsoil, sand, and gravel. Suitability ratings of good, fair, or poor are given for soils used as a source of roadfill and topsoil. Ratings of probable and improbable are given for sand and gravel. A rating of probable means that on the basis of the available evidence, the source material is likely to be in or below the soil. A rating of improbable means that the source material is unlikely to be in or below the soil. The ratings for sand and gravel do not consider the quality of the source material because quality depends on how the source material is to be used.

### Roadfill

Roadfill consists of soil material that is excavated from its original position and used in road embankments elsewhere. The evaluations for roadfill are for low embankments that generally are less than 6 feet in height and are less exacting in design than high embankments such as those along superhighways. The rating is given for the whole soil, from the surface to a depth of about 5 feet, based on the assumption that soil horizons will be mixed in loading, dumping, and spreading. Soils are rated as to the amount of material available for excavation, the ease of excavation, and how well the material performs after it is in place.

### Sand

Sand as a construction material is usually defined as particles ranging in size from 0.074 mm (sieve #200) to 4.75 mm (sieve #4) in diameter. Sand is used in great quantities in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each purpose vary widely. The intent of this rating is to show only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity. The suitability of the sand for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains sand, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the sand layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

### Gravel

Gravel as a construction material is defined as particles ranging in size from 4.76 mm (sieve #4) to 76 mm (3 inches) in diameter. Gravel is used in great quantities in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each purpose vary widely. The intent of this rating is to show only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity. The suitability of the gravel for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains gravel, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the gravel layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

### Topsoil

The term "topsoil" has several meanings. As used here, the term describes soil material used to cover an area so as to improve soil conditions for establishment and maintenance of adapted vegetation. Generally, the upper part of the soil, which is richest in organic matter, is most desirable; however, material excavated from deeper layers is also used. In this rating, the upper 40 inches of soil material is evaluated for use as topsoil. In the borrow area, the material below 40 inches is evaluated for its suitability for plant growth after the upper 40 inches is removed. The soil properties that are used to rate the soil as topsoil are those that affect plant growth, the ease of excavation, loading, and spreading, and those that affect the reclamation of the borrow area.

See the National Soil Survey Handbook, Part 620, for criteria used in rating specific uses

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<b>Soil name and map symbol</b>	<b>Roadfill</b>	<b>Sand</b>	<b>Gravel</b>	<b>Topsoil</b>
<b>AdB</b> ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
<b>AEC</b> ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
<b>AFD</b> ADAMS	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: slope, too sandy.
ALLAGASH	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope.
<b>AgB</b> ALLAGASH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim.
<b>AgC</b> ALLAGASH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim.
<b>AHC</b> ALLAGASH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim.
ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
<b>BeB</b> BERKSHIRE	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>BFC</b> BERKSHIRE	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>BFD</b> BERKSHIRE	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
<b>BhB</b> BOOTHBAY	Fair: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: area reclaim.
<b>BOB</b> BOOTHBAY	Fair: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: area reclaim.
SWANVILLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
<b>BP</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
PEACHAM	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, small

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<b>CC</b> CHARLES	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: wetness.
CORNISH	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Good.
<b>CeB</b> CHESUNCOOK	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>CeC</b> CHESUNCOOK	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>CFD</b> CHESUNCOOK	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
ELLIOTTSVILLE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
TELOS	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>CHD</b> CHESUNCOOK	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
TELOS	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.

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<b>CoB</b> COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>CPB</b> COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>CQB</b> COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>CRC</b> COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>CsB</b> CORNISH	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Good.

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<b>CsB</b> CHARLES	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: wetness.
FRYEBURG	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: too sandy.
<b>Cv</b> CORNISH	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Good.
LOVEWELL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.
<b>DaB</b> DANFORTH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>DBC</b> DANFORTH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>DBD</b> DANFORTH	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>DEC</b> DANFORTH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
MASARDIS	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too

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<b>DEC</b> PEACHAM	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, small
<b>DfB</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DXC</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>DYC</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>EcB</b> ELLIOTTSVILLE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
CHEGUNCOOK	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>EMC</b> ELLIOTTSVILLE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
MONSON	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>EMD</b> ELLIOTTSVILLE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
MONSON	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
<b>END</b> ENCHANTED	Fair: depth to rock, slope, thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>ENE</b> ENCHANTED	Poor: slope.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>Fr</b> FRYEBURG	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: too sandy.
<b>HoB</b> HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>HRB</b> HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>HRB</b> MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>LAD</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ABRAM	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
<b>LAE</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ABRAM	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
<b>LTD</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
TUNBRIDGE	Poor: area reclaim.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
<b>LTE</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
TUNBRIDGE	Poor: area reclaim, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.

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<b>MaC</b> MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>MDD</b> MARLOW	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>MLE</b> MARLOW	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
BERKSHIRE	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
<b>MND</b> MARLOW	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.

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<b>MrB</b> MASARDIS	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>MSC</b> MASARDIS	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>MTE</b> MASARDIS	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
ADAMS	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: slope, too sandy.
<b>MvB</b> MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>MW</b> MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
BURNHAM	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>MXB</b> MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>MXB</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>MYD</b> MONSON	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ELLIOTTSVILLE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
RICKER	Poor: area reclaim, thin layer.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, slope.
<b>MYE</b> MONSON	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ELLIOTTSVILLE	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
RICKER	Poor: area reclaim, slope, thin layer.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, slope.
<b>PeB</b> PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>PeC</b> PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>PFC</b> PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
BERKSHIRE	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>PhB</b> PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>PhC</b> PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.

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<b>Ps</b> PITS	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>PtB</b> PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>PtC</b> PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>PWC</b> PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>PWD</b> PLAISTED	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
HOWLAND	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.

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<b>ROD</b> RICKER	Poor: area reclaim, thin layer.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, slope.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.
<b>SRD</b> SADDLEBACK	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
RICKER	Poor: area reclaim, thin layer.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, slope.
<b>SRE</b> SADDLEBACK	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
RICKER	Poor: area reclaim, slope, thin layer.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, excess humus, slope.
<b>SUD</b> SURPLUS	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>Sv</b> SWANVILLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
<b>SW</b> SWANVILLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.

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<b>SW</b> WONSQUEAK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
<b>TeB</b> TELOS	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>THC</b> TELOS	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>CHESUNCOOK</b>	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>TLC</b> TELOS	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>CHESUNCOOK</b>	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>ELLIOTTSVILLE</b>	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>TMB</b> TELOS	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>MONARDA</b>	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,

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<b>TNB</b> TELOS	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
MONSON	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>ToC</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ABRAM	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>TRC</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ABRAM	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>TSC</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

**Piscataquis County, Southern part**

The information in this table indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation. Absence of an entry indicates that no rating is applicable.

<b>Soil name and map symbol</b>	<b>Roadfill</b>	<b>Sand</b>	<b>Gravel</b>	<b>Topsoil</b>
<b>TtB</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
ABRAM	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>UpB</b> URBAN LAND	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.
PENQUIS	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>WB</b> WONSQUEAK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
BUCKSPORT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.