

Soil Identification Legends

County Soil Map Unit Legend

The county soil map unit legend provides an alphabetical listing of soil map units found on soil maps in published soil surveys reports. Map units are identified on maps using special symbols. These map unit symbols consists of numbers, letters, or a combination of numbers and letters (e.g., 33, Br, MoD, 10C, 17E2). The one, two, or three digits or two letters represent the kind of soil or miscellaneous land areas. A capital letter of A, B, C, D, or E following a number or lower case letter indicates the class of slopes. Soils without a slope letter are for those mapping units that are nearly level. A final number of 2 following a letter indicates that the soil is eroded, and a number 3 indicates that the soil is severely eroded. Miscellaneous areas with a considerable range of slope may not have slope classes indicated.

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