

SECTION II
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Grazing and Forage Production Interpretations

This subsection contains information and tables showing data that applies primarily to rangeland, grazed forestland, and native pastureland, and the use of those lands for grazing and forage production. Typical information presented by soil component includes ecological site, total annual production of vegetation in favorable, normal, and unfavorable years, the characteristic vegetation, and the average percentage of each species.

NRCS has divided rangeland into ecological sites for the purposes of inventory, evaluation, and management. Ecological sites incorporate the latest thinking and technology relative to how ecological processes function on rangeland, grazed forestlands, and pastureland in order in order to better manage these lands for multiple purposes. More information on ecological site descriptions can be found in folder “J. ECOLOGICAL SITE DESCRIPTIONS” within section II of the eFOTG.

Within the Soil Data Mart, Grazing and Forage production information can be found for California soil survey areas using the “Rangeland Productivity” and “Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition” reports. Within the Web Soil Survey, Grazing and Forage Production information for your defined Area of Interest can be found under the “Suitabilities and Limitations” tab, under the section “Vegetative Productivity”.