

Forestland Interpretations

Forestland interpretations are important to good management. The management of trees begins with an understanding of the soil where they grow or are to be grown. Some soils are very suitable for growing wood crops; others barely support tree cover. Different tree species may vary in production on the same soil.

Forestland interpretations should be used to assist land users in planning, installing, and maintaining forestland management systems.

Forestland Productivity

The Forestland Productivity table presents information about suitable for producing timber for each soil map unit. Information on potential productivity includes common trees, site index, volume of wood fiber, and trees to manage.

POTENTIAL PRODUCTIVITY – Potential productivity is discussed in the [National Forestry Manual](#).

COMMON TREES - Trees that generally occur on the soil are listed regardless of economic importance.

SITE INDEX - The site index provides a ranking all the soil mapping units based upon their suitability to produce trees. An individual site index rating for a soil map unit reflects the integrated effects of numerous factors.

TREES TO MANAGE - Trees that are suitable for commercial wood production and that are adapted to the soil.

See the [National Forestry Manual](#), for additional productivity information and management concerns.

This subsection includes:

- **(a) Forestland Productivity table**