

Source Data for Official Soil Survey Information

General

The traditional final product of soil survey mapping has been the soil survey publication. Each publication includes soil map unit descriptions, series descriptions, tables of information (attributes), and maps. One copy of this publication is retained at the NRCS field office and is designated as the "Official Copy." This official copy was established to maintain the most current soils information for a survey area. This "Official Copy" is part of the Field Office Technical Guide and contains many of the tables that are referenced in Section II(A) of the Field Office Technical Guide. Soil maps have been digitized and certified to meet SSURGO standards in many soil survey areas. Other soil survey products are available, including soil surveys on CD and soil survey information on SWCD websites. These other sources of information may differ from the official soil survey information.

eFOTG and Official Data

Information contained in eFOTG is the official soil survey information for the soil survey area. If information is not available in eFOTG, the source for the official soil survey information is the published soil survey report. On-line tabular soil data are available from the Soil Data Mart. This data may differ from the official soil survey information contained in the published soil survey report. If spatial soil data (SSURGO) is available, unless otherwise noted, this is the source for the official spatial data. If spatial SSURGO data are not available, the published soil survey maps in the "Official Copy" of the soil survey are the official source of soil survey maps.

Copies of the published soil survey are available from the local NRCS Field Office or SWCD office.

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