

Introduction to Soil Survey Information

Official soils data may be obtained through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) and is available as follows:

Stored county reports are reports currently not available from either of the national soil survey sites. They contain soil data for an entire soil survey area. These reports are located in the FOTG, Section II, Soil Survey Information, and include the following:

1. Highly Erodible Land (“frozen HEL List”) - County Name
2. Table 1 – Soils Interpretative Groups – County Name

All other official soils spatial and tabular data and reports are accessed through Web Soil Survey (WSS), Soil Data Access (SDA), or Geospatial Data Gateway (GDG). For most users, WSS is the most convenient avenue to soil survey information. SDA is designed for the experienced Geographic Information User. GDG is the one stop shop for USDA Geospatial Products.