

Fremont Community Prime Farmland (Based on Soil Survey Only)

- State Highway
- Roads
- Railroad
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Section Line
- Lakes
- Streams

Farmland Classification by Soil Type

- Prime farmland
- Farmland of local importance
- Prime farmland if drained
- Prime farmland if protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season
- Not prime farmland

Prime farmland, as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, is the land that is best suited to feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops. It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce economically sustained high yields of crops when treated and managed according to acceptable farming methods. In general, prime farmlands have an adequate and dependable water supply from precipitation or irrigation, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable acidity or alkalinity, acceptable salt and sodium content, and few or no rocks. They are permeable to water and air. Prime farmlands are not excessively erodible or saturated with water for a long period of time, and they either do not flood frequently or are protected from flooding. These soils have an adequate and dependable supply of moisture from precipitation or irrigation.

Farmland of Local Importance is either currently producing, or has the capability of producing in a way that is important to the local economy, but doesn't meet all of the criteria of Prime Farmland.



Farmland Classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, or farmland of local importance. Farmland classification identifies the location and extent of the most suitable land for producing food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the Federal Register, Vol. 43, No. 21, Jan. 31, 1978.

Sources:
 Newaygo County GIS
 Soil Survey of Newaygo County, Michigan, United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service
 Michigan Center for Geographic Information, Department of Information Technology

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