# NC Prime Farmlands, December 2019 - NC Department of Transportation

**File Geodatabase Feature Class** 



Tags

Prime, Farmlands, classification, SSURGO, soil, Transportation, NCDOT, Environment, Location, North Carolina, ATLAS

### Summary

This dataset was originally created in December 2019 as part of the Project ATLAS initiative at NCDOT to support the Environment Analysis Unit (EAU) with project delivery in the development phase. This dataset represents Prime Farmlands identified across the State of North Carolina.

In an effort to identify the extent and location of important farmlands, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in cooperation with other interested Federal, State, and local government organizations, has inventoried land that can be used for the production of the Nation's food supply.

Prime farmland, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and is available for these uses. It could be cultivated land, pastureland, forestland, or other land, but it is not urban or built-up land or water areas. The soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply are those needed for the soil to economically produce sustained high yields of crops when proper management, including water management, and acceptable farming methods are applied. In general, prime farmland has an adequate and dependable supply of moisture from precipitation or irrigation, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable acidity or alkalinity, an acceptable salt and sodium content, and few or no rocks. Prime farmland is of major importance in meeting the Nation's short- and long-range needs for food and fiber. Because the supply of high-quality farmland is limited, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes that responsible levels of government, as well as individuals, should encourage and facilitate the wise use of our Nation's prime farmland **Description** 

The NC Prime Farmlands dataset is a statewide polygon layer for locations of prime farmland areas in NC.

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### Credits

The ATLAS EAU within NCDOT was tasked to create this dataset.

Support and maintenance of the enterprise spatial database where this data resides is handled by NCDIT's Transportation GIS Unit.

## **Use limitations**

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#### Extent

 West
 -84.421924
 East
 -75.355682

 North
 36.617445
 South
 33.728976

 Scale Range

 Maximum (zoomed in)
 1:5,000

 Minimum (zoomed out)
 1:625,000

ArcGIS Metadata 🕨

## Topics and Keywords ►

THEMES OR CATEGORIES OF THE RESOURCE society, location, planningCadastre, transportation, structure, environment

\* CONTENT TYPE Downloadable Data EXPORT TO FGDC CSDGM XML FORMAT AS RESOURCE DESCRIPTION NO

PLACE KEYWORDS North Carolina

THESAURUS TITLE User CREATION DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2019-12-18 00:00:00

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THEME KEYWORDS Prime, Farmlands, SSURGO, soil, Transportation, NCDOT, Environment, Location, North Carolina, ATLAS

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## Citation **>**

TITLE NC Prime Farmlands, December 2019 - NC Department of Transportation CREATION DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2019-12-18 00:00:00

PRESENTATION FORMATS digital map FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT vector digital data

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## **Resource Details** ►

DATASET LANGUAGES English (UNITED STATES) DATASET CHARACTER SET Utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

STATUS completed SPATIAL REPRESENTATION TYPE vector

\* PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT Version 6.2 (Build 9200); Esri ArcGIS 10.8.1.14362

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ARCGIS ITEM PROPERTIES

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### Extents

EXTENT DESCRIPTION Data collection is complete.

GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT BOUNDING RECTANGLE WEST LONGITUDE -84.422111 EAST LONGITUDE -75.416034 SOUTH LATITUDE 33.730557 NORTH LATITUDE 36.617257 EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes TEMPORAL EXTENT BEGINNING DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00 ENDING DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00

EXTENT

GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT BOUNDING RECTANGLE

- EXTENT TYPE Extent used for searching
- \* WEST LONGITUDE -84.421924
- \* EAST LONGITUDE -75.355682
- \* NORTH LATITUDE 36.617445
- \* SOUTH LATITUDE 33.728976
- \* EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

EXTENT IN THE ITEM'S COORDINATE SYSTEM

- \* WEST LONGITUDE 406890.942874
- \* EAST LONGITUDE 3070215.858996
- \* SOUTH LATITUDE 34409.898567
- \* NORTH LATITUDE 1043694.106372
- \* EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

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RESOURCE MAINTENANCE UPDATE FREQUENCY annually OTHER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

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## Spatial Reference

ARCGIS COORDINATE SYSTEM

- \* TYPE Projected
- \* GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE REFERENCE GCS\_North\_American\_1983
- \* PROJECTION NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_North\_Carolina\_FIPS\_3200\_Feet
- \* COORDINATE REFERENCE DETAILS

**PROJECTED COORDINATE SYSTEM** Well-known identifier 102719 X ORIGIN -121841900 Y ORIGIN -93659000 XY SCALE 3048.0060960121928 Z ORIGIN -100000 Z SCALE 10000 M ORIGIN -100000 M SCALE 10000 XY TOLERANCE 0.0032808333333333331 Z TOLERANCE 0.001 M TOLERANCE 0.001 HIGH PRECISION true LATEST WELL-KNOWN IDENTIFIER 2264 WELL-KNOWN TEXT PROJCS["NAD 1983 StatePlane North Carolina FIPS 3200 Feet", GEOGCS["GCS North American 19 83",DATUM["D\_North\_American\_1983",SPHEROID["GRS\_1980",6378137.0,298.257222101]],PRIMEM[ "Greenwich", 0.0], UNIT["Degree", 0.0174532925199433]], PROJECTION["Lambert\_Conformal\_Conic"], P ARAMETER["False Easting", 2000000.002616666], PARAMETER["False Northing", 0.0], PARAMETER["Cen tral Meridian",-79.0], PARAMETER["Standard\_Parallel\_1", 34.3333333333333334], PARAMETER["Standard\_Parallel\_2", 36. 16666666666666],PARAMETER["Latitude\_Of\_Origin",33.75],UNIT["Foot\_US",0.3048006096012192],A UTHORITY["EPSG",2264]]

REFERENCE SYSTEM IDENTIFIER

VALUE 2264 \* CODESPACE EPSG \* VERSION 6.12(9.0.0)

Hide Spatial Reference

## Spatial Data Properties ►

VECTOR \* LEVEL OF TOPOLOGY FOR THIS DATASET geometry only

GEOMETRIC OBJECTS

FEATURE CLASS NAME PrimeFarmlands

- \* OBJECT TYPE composite
- \* OBJECT COUNT 1038446

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ARCGIS FEATURE CLASS PROPERTIES

- FEATURE CLASS NAME PrimeFarmlands
  - \* FEATURE TYPE Simple
  - \* GEOMETRY TYPE Polygon
  - \* HAS TOPOLOGY FALSE
  - \* FEATURE COUNT 1038446
  - \* SPATIAL INDEX TRUE
  - \* LINEAR REFERENCING FALSE

Hide ArcGIS Feature Class Properties ▲

Hide Spatial Data Properties 🔺

## Data Quality 🕨

SCOPE OF QUALITY INFORMATION RESOURCE LEVEL dataset

Hide Scope of quality information ▲

DATA QUALITY REPORT - COMPLETENESS OMISSION

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

After processing, the dataset is checked for drawing display and number of records and file sizes compared with source materials.

CONFORMANCE TEST RESULTS TEST PASSED Yes RESULT EXPLANATION Pass

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION TITLE NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications CREATION DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2019-12-18 00:00:00

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Hide Data quality report - Completeness omission

DATA QUALITY REPORT - CONCEPTUAL CONSISTENCY

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The dataset is converted to file geodatabase (FGDB) format using tools in ArcGIS. The geometry is checked, and if needed repaired.

CONFORMANCE TEST RESULTS TEST PASSED Yes RESULT EXPLANATION Pass

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION TITLE NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications CREATION DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2019-12-18 00:00:00

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Hide Data quality report - Conceptual consistency

DATA QUALITY REPORT - QUANTITATIVE ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Geometry checks were conducted using ESRI's Data Reviewer tool. Quality checks on the data for completeness, consistency, positional and attribute accuracy were conducted.

CONFORMANCE TEST RESULTS TEST PASSED Yes RESULT EXPLANATION Pass

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION TITLE NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications CREATION DATE 2019-11-14 00:00:00 PUBLICATION DATE 2019-12-18 00:00:00

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Hide Data quality report - Quantitative attribute accuracy

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### Lineage 🕨

LINEAGE STATEMENT

This layer was created by downloading the state's SSurgo data from USDA https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm and using their Soils tools to extract the Prime Farmlands data. Additionally, all non-farmland areas were queried out so what shows is considered "prime farmlands" from their classifications/nomenclature.

PROCESS STEP

DESCRIPTION

Polygon data was reviewed in ESRI's Data Reviewer tool to verify geometry.

PROCESS CONTACT ORGANIZATION'S NAME North Carolina Department of Transportation - EAU Mitigation and Modeling Unit CONTACT'S POSITION Environmental Program Consultant CONTACT'S ROLE originator

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### PROCESS STEP

DESCRIPTION

Geodatabase was forwarded on to the GIS Unit for publishing as part of data for project ATLAS.

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DISTRIBUTOR ►

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DISTRIBUTION FORMAT \* NAME File Geodatabase Feature Class VERSION 10.5

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## Fields **>**

DETAILS FOR OBJECT PrimeFarmlands \* TYPE Feature Class \* Row COUNT 1038446 DEFINITION DEFINITION SOURCE

### FIELD OBJECTID ►

- \* ALIAS OBJECTID
- \* DATA TYPE OID
- \* WIDTH 4
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- \* FIELD DESCRIPTION Internal feature number.
- \* DESCRIPTION SOURCE Esri
- \* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

Hide Field OBJECTID ▲

FIELD Shape >

- \* ALIAS Shape
- \* DATA TYPE Geometry
- \* WIDTH 0
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- \* FIELD DESCRIPTION Feature geometry.
- \* DESCRIPTION SOURCE Esri
- \* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES Coordinates defining the features.

Hide Field Shape 🔺

FIELD AreaSymbol

- ALIAS AreaSymbol
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 20
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* Scale 0 Field description

A symbol that uniquely identifies a single occurrence of a particular type of area .

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

FIELD SpatialVer

- \* ALIAS SpatialVersion
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

A sequential integer number used to denote the serial version of the spatial data for a soil survey area.

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

NCDOT

Hide Field SpatialVer

FIELD MuSym

- ALIAS MapUnitSymbol
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 6
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- FIELD DESCRIPTION

The symbol used to uniquely identify the soil mapunit in the soil survey.

DESCRIPTION SOURCE NCDOT

Hide Field MuSym ▲

FIELD MuKey ►

- \* ALIAS MapUnitKey
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 30
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- FIELD DESCRIPTION

A non-connotative string of characters used to uniquely identify a record in the Mapunit table.

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Hide Field MuKey

FIELD FrmLndCl

- \* ALIAS FarmlandClassification
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- FIELD DESCRIPTION

Identification of map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, or farmland of local importance.

**DESCRIPTION SOURCE** NCDOT

LIST OF VALUES

VALUE All areas are prime farmland **DESCRIPTION** All areas are prime farmland ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Farmland of local importance **DESCRIPTION** Farmland of local importance ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Farmland of statewide importance **DESCRIPTION** Farmland of statewide importance ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Farmland of statewide importance, if drained DESCRIPTION Farmland of statewide importance, if drained ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Farmland of unique importance **DESCRIPTION** Farmland of unique importance ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Not prime farmland **DESCRIPTION** Not prime farmland ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Prime farmland if drained DESCRIPTION Prime farmland if drained ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season DESCRIPTION Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Prime farmland if irrigated **DESCRIPTION** Prime farmland if irrigated ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

VALUE Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season DESCRIPTION Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE NCDOT

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FIELD Shape Length

- \* ALIAS Shape\_Length \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8

- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- \* FIELD DESCRIPTION Length of feature in internal units.
- \* DESCRIPTION SOURCE Esri
- \* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES Positive real numbers that are automatically generated.

Hide Field Shape\_Length **▲** 

FIELD Shape\_Area

- \* ALIAS Shape\_Area
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0
- \* FIELD DESCRIPTION

Area of feature in internal units squared.

- \* DESCRIPTION SOURCE Esri
- \* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Positive real numbers that are automatically generated.

Hide Field Shape\_Area

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## Metadata Details 🕨

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SCOPE OF THE DATA DESCRIBED BY THE METADATA dataset SCOPE NAME \* dataset

\* LAST UPDATE 2024-01-29

ARCGIS METADATA PROPERTIES METADATA FORMAT ArcGIS 1.0 METADATA STYLE ISO 19139 Metadata Implementation Specification STANDARD OR PROFILE USED TO EDIT METADATA ISO19139

CREATED IN ARCGIS FOR THE ITEM 2024-02-01 13:15:55 LAST MODIFIED IN ARCGIS FOR THE ITEM 2024-01-29 16:20:18

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MAINTENANCE UPDATE FREQUENCY as needed

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SECURITY CONSTRAINTS CLASSIFICATION Unclassified CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM None

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