Farm Soil Map Interpretation Guide

A guide to reading soil maps for a farm property. It helps beginners find map units, understand soil descriptions, and apply them to field decisions.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Find your parcel on the soil survey
2. Identify map units
3. Read the soil descriptions
4. Note drainage ratings
5. Note slope and erosion risk
6. Compare to your planned use
7. Mark limitations on a field map
8. Ask NRCS for help interpreting

YOUR NOTES

TIP Use the official NRCS soil survey and ask the local office to explain unfamiliar terms.

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