

Title

Estimated Inherent Soil Fertility of NSW

Abstract

This map provides an estimation of the inherent fertility of soils in NSW. It uses the best available soils and natural resource mapping developed for the Land and Soil Capability (LSC) dataset.

The mapping describes soil fertility in NSW according to a five class system outlined below:

- Low (1)
- Moderately low (2)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately high (4)
- High (5)

It was derived from a lookup table system linking a fertility class to a particular soil type (Great Soil Group), which was then attributed for each soil map unit (see Table 1 in data package).

Online Maps: This dataset can be viewed using [eSPADE](#) (NSW's soil spatial viewer), which contains a suite of soil and landscape information including soil profile data. Many of these datasets have hot-linked soil reports. An alternative viewer is the [SEED Map](#); an ideal way to see what other natural resources datasets (e.g. vegetation) are available for this map area.

Reference: Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, 2021, *Estimated Inherent Soil Fertility of NSW*, Version 4.5, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Parramatta.

Resource locator

[Data quality statement](#)

Name: Data quality statement

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

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Function: download

[Show on eSPADE Web Map](#)

Name: Show on eSPADE Web Map

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

View dataset on eSPADE spatial viewer.

Function: download

[Inherent Soil Fertility data package](#)

Name: Inherent Soil Fertility data package

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Download package: shapefiles, ESRI layer files and metadata documents.

Function: download

[ArcGIS REST Map Service](#)

Name: ArcGIS REST Map Service

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Connect to REST map services using ArcGIS or ArcGIS online map viewer.

Function: download

[Land and soil information web page](#)

Name: Land and soil information web page

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

About land and soil information in NSW - DPIE's data systems and map products.

Function: download

DPIE's Land and soil website

Name: DPIE's Land and soil website

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Soil information, mapping & management; land degradation & geodiversity.

Function: download

Web Map Service (WMS)

Name: Web Map Service (WMS)

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Connect to WMS using your GIS

Function: download

KML Service

Name: KML Service

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Download KML for use in Google Earth.

Function: download

Web Map Tile Service (WMTS)

Name: Web Map Tile Service (WMTS)

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Connect to WMTS using your GIS.

Function: download

Unique resource identifier

Code ad9366d4-59da-4ce3-89d9-36bb2404b5e3

Presentation form Map digital

Edition 4.5

Dataset language English

Metadata standard

Name ISO 19115

Edition 2016

Dataset URI <https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/ad9366d4-59da-4ce3-89d9-36bb2404b5e3>

Purpose Support natural resource management and decision making. It is one of the primary datasets used to create the regional Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL) maps under the NSW Government's Strategic Regional Land Use Policy.

Status Completed

Spatial representation

Type vector

Geometric Object Type surface

Geometric Object Count 41761

Spatial reference system

Code identifying the spatial reference system 4283

Equivalent scale 1:None

Additional information source

Version changes

Improvements incorporated into version 4.5 include:

- Revision of some fertility classifications for far north coast region and Cobargo area.
- Minor adjustments to linework and attributes for the Hunter Region (version 2)
- Updated linework and attributes for Camden Haven 1:100,000 map sheet area
- Addition of in the attribute table.
- Minor linework edge-matching in north coast area along with small fixups to linework and associated attributes across NSW.

GIS field name descriptions

Fert_code - Dominant estimated inherent soil fertility classification code

Fert_name - Dominant estimated inherent soil fertility classification name

Fert_class - Combined dominant estimated inherent soil fertility classification code and name

Version - Version number of linework product

VersDate - Date of version completion

Topic category

Keyword set

keyword value

- SOIL
- SOIL-Chemistry
- SOIL-Physics
- SOIL-Erosion
- LAND-Topography
- HAZARDS-Landslip
- HAZARDS-Flood
- VEGETATION
- LAND-Use

Originating controlled vocabulary

Title ANZLIC Search Words

Reference date 2008-05-16

Geographic location	
West bounding longitude	141.001
East bounding longitude	153.66
North bounding latitude	-37.507
South bounding latitude	-27.998
NSW Place Name	NSW
Vertical extent information	
Minimum value	-100
Maximum value	2228
Coordinate reference system	
Authority code	urn:ogc:def:cs:EPSG::
Code identifying the coordinate reference system	5711
Temporal extent	
Begin position	2009-06-09
End position	N/A
Dataset reference date	
Resource maintenance	
Maintenance and update frequency	As needed
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Lineage The best available soils datasets were sourced to provide a single (seamless where possible) layer across the area. Datasets collated to derive this map included:

- published and draft 1:100,000 soil landscape mapping [1:100,000 scale]
- published and draft 1:250,000 soil landscape mapping [1:250,000 scale]
- Soil and Land Resources of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment [1:100,000 scale]
- Soil and Land Resources of the Liverpool Plains Catchment [1:100,000 scale]
- Soil and Land Resources of the Merriwa Plateau [1:100,000 scale]
- Soil and Land Resources of the Moree Plains [1:100,000 scale]
- Soil and Land Resources of the Hunter Region [1:100,000 scale]
- Reconnaissance Soil and Land Resources of the Murray CMA Catchment [1:100,000 & 1:250,000 scale]
- Soil Landscapes of the SCA Hydrological Catchments [1:100,000 scale]
- Soils landscapes of the Comprehensive Coastal Assessment (Bare Point, Jervis Bay, Batemans Bay and Ulladulla) [1:100,000 scale]
- Southern Comprehensive Regional Assessment [1:100,000 scale]
- Northern Comprehensive Regional Assessment [1:100,000 scale]
- Reconnaissance soil landscapes of the Namoi CMA [1:100,000 scale]
- Reconnaissance soil landscapes of the Upper Riverina (HSHL) [1:100,000 scale]
- Reconnaissance soil landscapes of the Border Rivers/Gwydir CMA [1:100,000 scale]
- Brigalow Belt South Western Regional Assessment [1:100,000 scale]
- Reconnaissance Soil Landscapes of the Upper Macleay Catchment [1:100,000 scale]
- Upper Murrumbidgee Soil Benchmarking project [1:100,000 scale]
- Glen Innes Data Gap Reconnaissance Soils Mapping [1:100,000 scale]
- Soil Information for the Nyngan 1:250,000 sheet [1:250,000 scale]
- Soil Information for the Walgett 1:250,000 sheet [1:250,000 scale]
- Soil Information for the Gilgandra 1:250,000 sheet [1:250,000 scale]
- Reconnaissance soil landscapes of the Riverine Plains [1:500,000 scale]
- Land Systems of the Western NSW [1:250,000 scale]
- Land Systems of the Cobar Peniplain Bioregion [1:250,000 scale]

Each polygon was assigned a dominant soil type (Great Soil Group), from which a fertility value was derived using a lookup table modified from Charman (1978) (See Table 1 in data package).

It is known that other soil types will exist in most if not all polygons, thus the map provides a guide to the most likely fertility of the soil. Assumptions made in the allocation of soil fertility mapping include:

1. The dominant soil type allocated to each polygon is representative of that area.
2. The dominant soil type has the typical characteristics/properties of soils classified under the Great Soil Group classification.

Limitations on public access

Scope dataset

DQ Completeness Commission

Effective date 2001-01-01

DQ Completeness Omission

Effective date 2017-05-05

Explanation All polygons were labelled with a soil fertility class as per the classification. A limited, targeted internal desktop review has been completed for the soil type (Great Soil Group) field used in the production of this map. In addition a more thorough desktop triage quality check has been completed for soil type (Great Soil Group) field covered within the New England/North West, Upper Hunter, Central West, Greater Southern Highlands and Sydney Canberra Corridor Strategic Regional Land use Priority areas.

DQ Conceptual Consistency

Effective date 1900-01-01

DQ Topological Consistency

Effective date 2021-10-20

Explanation ArcGIS was used to ensure all polygons in the feature class are topologically correct. (cluster tolerance 0.000003 DDeg).

DQ Absolute External Positional Accuracy

Effective date 2020-10-27

Explanation The accuracy of this map coverage varies across NSW, as map polygon boundaries were derived from many different sources and scales (see lineage). Soil boundaries using published and draft 1:100,000 scale mapping by DPIE are generally accurate to within 100 m. Soil boundaries using published or draft 1:250,000 scale, SCA and reconnaissance 1:100,000 - 1:250,000 level soil landscape mapping are generally accurate to within 250 m. Land Systems is a different style of mapping however is published at a scale of 1:250,000 and is generally accurate to within 250 m. Some small alignment issues may occur from issues with the digitizing process when first captured years ago into a digital format. Smaller scaled datasets (1:500,000) are approximate and generally accurate to within 500 m.

DQ Non Quantitative Attribute Correctness

Effective date 2020-10-27

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The accuracy of attributes used to derive this map coverage varies across NSW, as map polygon boundaries were derived from many different sources and map scales. A data source diagram (see figure one in data package) shows these different datasets and their quality according to the data confidence classification outlined below:

- High (1) - All necessary soil and landscape data is available at a catchment scale (1:100,000) to undertake the assessment of LSC and other soil thematic maps.
- Moderate (2) - Most soil and landscape data is available at a catchment scale (1:100,000 - 1:250,000) to undertake the assessment of LSC and other soil thematic maps.
- Low (3) - Limited soil and landscape data is available at a reconnaissance catchment scale (1:100,000 & 1:250,000) which limits the quality of the assessment of LSC and other soil thematic maps.
- Very low (4) - Very limited soil and landscape data is available at a broad catchment scale (1:250,000 or 1:500,000) and the LSC and other soil thematic maps should be used as a guide only.

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