

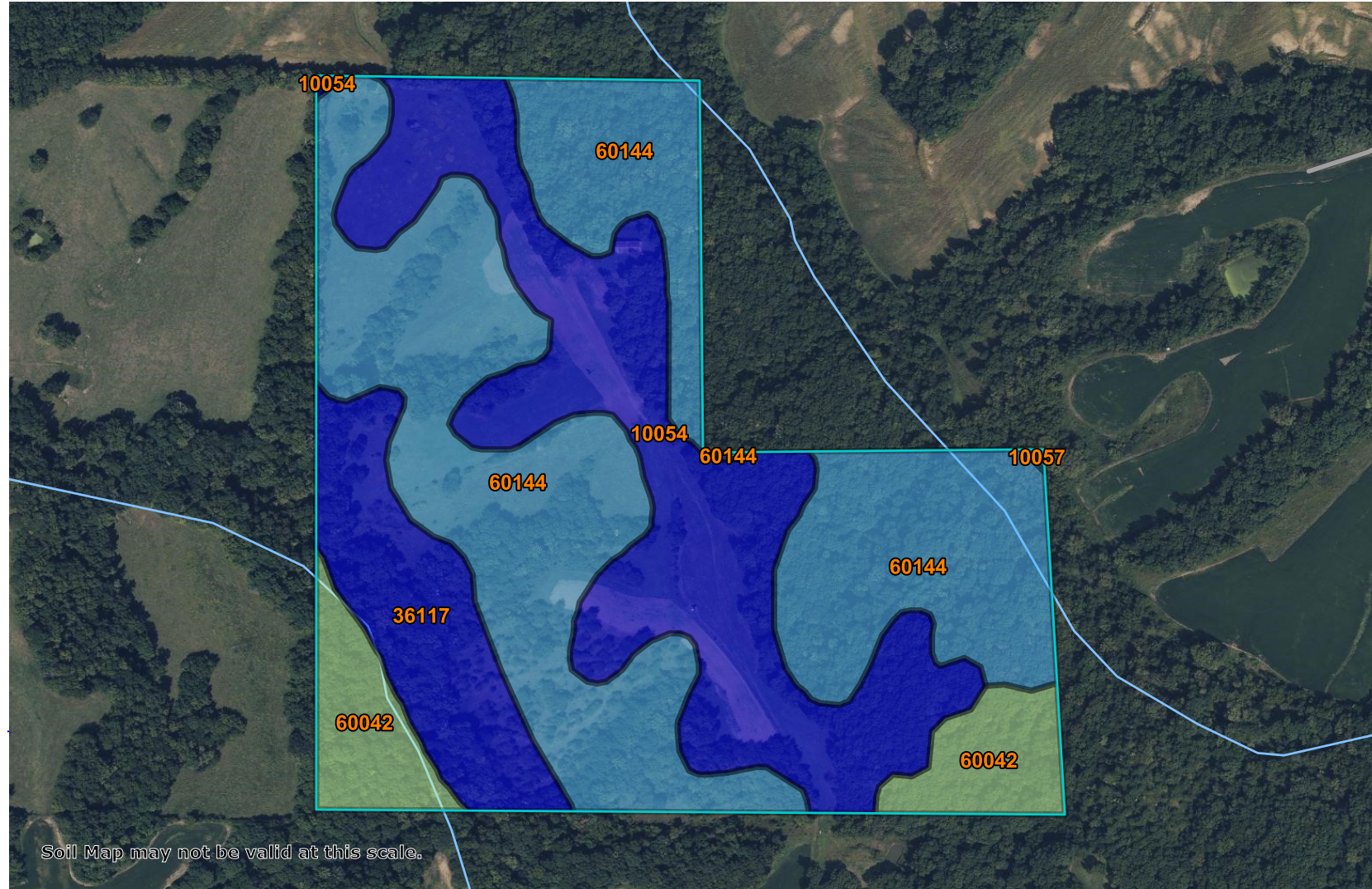
National Commodity Crop Productivity Index—Howard County, Missouri

92° 52' 56" W

92° 51' 56" W

39° 10' 50" N

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39° 10' 20" N

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Map Scale: 1:6,630 if printed on A landscape (11" x 8.5") sheet.

0 50 100 200 300 Meters

0 300 600 1200 1800 Feet

Map projection: Web Mercator Corner coordinates: WGS84



**Natural Resources
Conservation Service**

Web Soil Survey
National Cooperative Soil Survey

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MAP LEGEND

Area of Interest (AOI)

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Soils

Soil Rating Polygons

-  Low inherent productivity
-  Moderately low inherent productivity
-  Moderate inherent productivity
-  Moderately high inherent productivity
-  High inherent productivity
-  Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Lines

-  Low inherent productivity
-  Moderately low inherent productivity
-  Moderate inherent productivity
-  Moderately high inherent productivity
-  High inherent productivity
-  Not rated or not available

Soil Rating Points

-  Low inherent productivity

-  Moderately low inherent productivity
-  Moderate inherent productivity
-  Moderately high inherent productivity
-  High inherent productivity
-  Not rated or not available

Water Features

 Streams and Canals

Transportation

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

Background

 Aerial Photography

MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Web Soil Survey URL:
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Howard County, Missouri
Survey Area Data: Version 29, Sep 2, 2025

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Sep 14, 2022—Oct 1, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

National Commodity Crop Productivity Index

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Component name (percent)	Rating reasons (numeric values)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
10054	Knox silt loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes	0.850			34.5	30.1%
10057	Knox silt loam, 9 to 14 percent slopes, severely eroded	0.732			0.1	0.1%
36117	Nodaway silt loam, heavy till, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	0.803			12.6	11.0%
60042	Menfro silt loam, 14 to 35 percent slopes, eroded	0.554			10.1	8.8%
60144	Knox silt loam, 14 to 30 percent slopes, severely eroded	0.607			57.3	50.0%
Totals for Area of Interest					114.5	100.0%

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Description

AGR - Agriculture

NCCPI - National Commodity Crop Productivity Index

National Commodity Crop Productivity Index is a method of arraying the soils of the United States for non-irrigated commodity crop production based on their inherent soil properties. This version features a separate index for soybeans. In the past, soybeans and corn were considered together. The rating a soil is assigned is the highest one of four basic crop group indices, which are based on the climate where the crop is typically grown. Cooler climates are represented by winter wheat, moderate climates are represented by corn and soybeans, and warmer climates are represented by cotton. (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_050734.pdf)

The interpretation is applicable to both heavily populated and sparsely populated areas. Ratings are for soils in their present condition. The present land use is not considered in the ratings.

Ratings are based on properties and qualities to the depth normally observed during soil mapping (approximately 6 feet). Soil, site, and climate properties that influence the growth of crops are major considerations. Soil productivity is influenced by many soil properties. An ideal soil will store adequate amounts of water to nurture the crop between rains. This soil will have a near-neutral pH, will store nutrients, and lack toxic materials. The soil will have no barriers, either physical or chemical, to root growth. Water and gas transmission through the soil will be sufficient to maintain both water and oxygen at sufficient levels in the root zone. The soil will not be saturated with water during the growing season to the point that root growth is inhibited. The soil will not be subject to excessive flooding or ponding during the growing season. Slope is an important consideration because it affects erosion by water, runoff, and the operation of equipment. The climate must provide adequate water and heat to allow the desired crop to mature. A soil that differs from the ideal in any of these features will have lower inherent productivity for a particular crop. The further a soil differs from ideality in any one or all of the factors that determine inherent productivity, the lower its inherent productivity will be.

The ratings are both verbal and numerical. Rating class terms indicate the estimated productivity which is determined by all of the soil, site, and climatic features that affect crop productivity. "High inherent productivity" indicates that the soil, site, and climate have features that are very favorable for crop production. High yields and low risk of crop failure can be expected if a high level of management is employed. "Moderately high inherent productivity" indicates that the soil has features that are generally quite favorable for crop production. Good yields and moderately low risk of crop failure can be expected. "Moderate inherent productivity" indicates that the soil has features that are generally favorable for crop production. Good yields and moderate risk of crop failure can be expected. "Moderately low inherent productivity" indicates that the soil has features that are generally not favorable for crop production. Low yields and moderately high risk of crop failure can be expected. "Low inherent productivity"

indicates that the soil has one or more features that are unfavorable for crop production. Low yields and high risk of crop failure can be expected.

Numerical ratings indicate the overall productivity of the soil. The ratings are shown in decimal fractions ranging from 1.00 to 0.01. They indicate gradations between the point at which the combination of soil, site, and climate features has the greatest positive impact on inherent productivity (1.00) and the point at which the soil features are very unfavorable (0.01).

The map unit components listed for each map unit in the accompanying Summary by Map Unit table in Web Soil Survey or the Aggregation Report in Soil Data Viewer are determined by the aggregation method chosen. An aggregated rating class is shown for each map unit. The components listed for each map unit are only those that have the same rating class as listed for the map unit. The percent composition of each component in a particular map unit is presented to help the user better understand the percentage of each map unit that has the rating presented.

Other components with different ratings may be present in each map unit. The ratings for all components, regardless of the map unit aggregated rating, can be viewed by generating the equivalent report from the Soil Reports tab in Web Soil Survey. Onsite investigation may be needed to validate these interpretations and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site.

Rating Options

Aggregation Method: Weighted Average

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Weighted Average" computes a weighted average value for all components in the map unit. Percent composition is the weighting factor. The result returned by this aggregation method represents a weighted average value of the corresponding attribute throughout the map unit.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Higher

The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.