North Carolina Agricultural Lands Assessment 2012

Soil Score

This assessment is comprised of three evaluations:
- Government Policy: Aims to award points to parcels in areas with government policies supporting the conservation of working farmland.
- Agribusiness Infrastructure: Aims to award points to parcels in areas that have a strong agricultural business infrastructure.
- Soils: Aims to award points to parcels with high quality soils.

Additive Approach: Points for the three evaluations are summed to obtain the overall assessment score. Results are grouped into tiers based on Jenks natural breaks. For the overall assessment score, parcels in Tier I are considered to be the highest priority for conservation of working farmland. Within the individual assessments, parcels in Tier I represent the parcels that scored the best for each assessment alone.