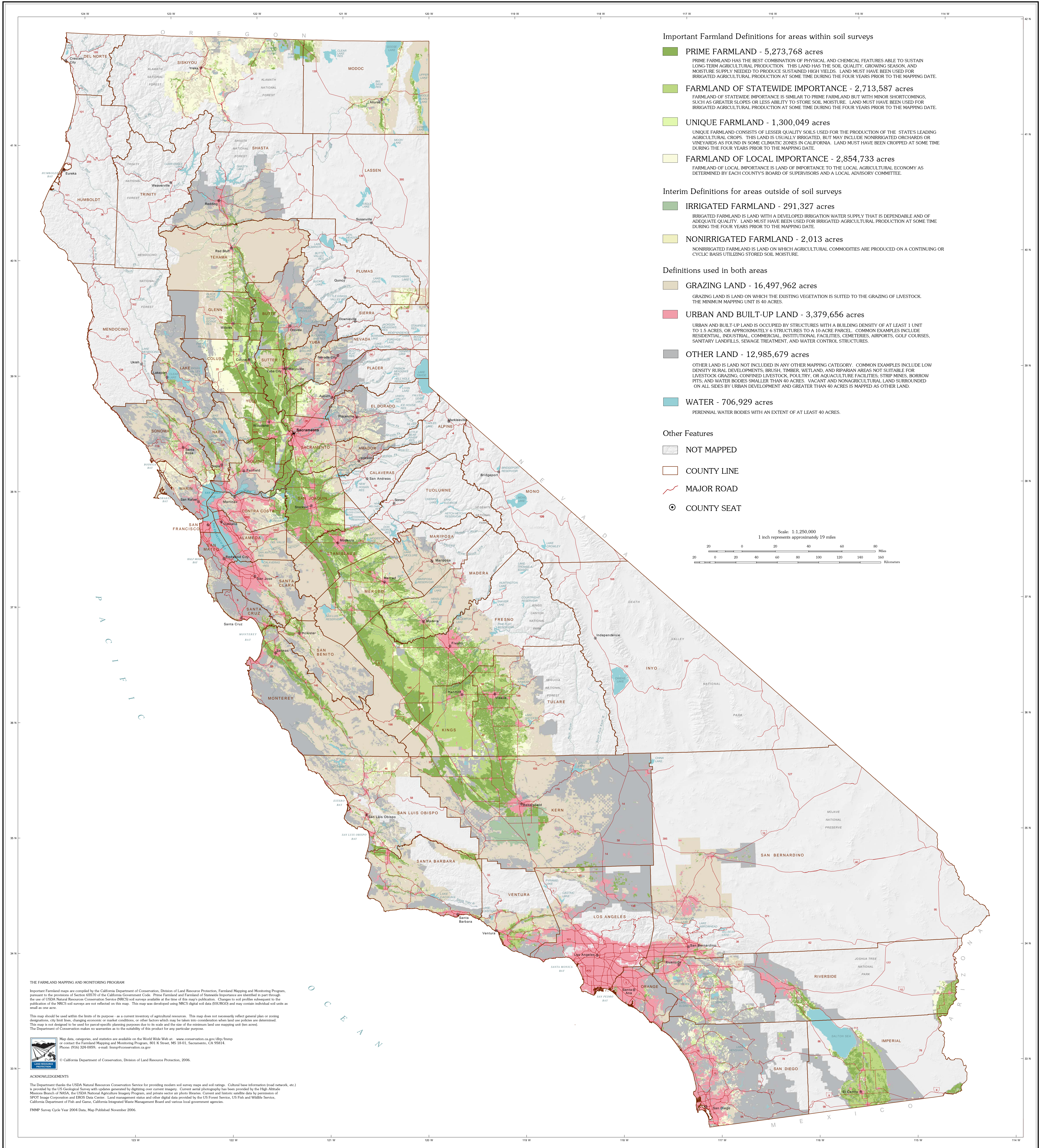


IMPORTANT FARMLAND IN CALIFORNIA, 2004



Important Farmland Definitions for areas within soil surveys

- PRIME FARMLAND - 5,273,768 acres**
PRIME FARMLAND HAS THE BEST COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL FEATURES ABLE TO SUSTAIN LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THIS LAND HAS THE SOIL QUALITY, GROWING SEASON, AND MOISTURE SUPPLY NEEDED TO PRODUCE SUSTAINED HIGH YIELDS. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN USED FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.
- FARMLAND OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE - 2,713,587 acres**
FARMLAND OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE IS SIMILAR TO PRIME FARMLAND BUT WITH MINOR SHORTCOMINGS, SUCH AS GREATER SLOPES OR LESS ABILITY TO STORE SOIL MOISTURE. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN USED FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.
- UNIQUE FARMLAND - 1,300,049 acres**
UNIQUE FARMLAND CONSISTS OF LESSER QUALITY SOILS USED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE STATES LEADING AGRICULTURAL CROPS. THIS LAND IS USUALLY IRRIGATED, BUT MAY INCLUDE NONIRRIGATED ORCHARDS OR VINEYARDS AS FOUND IN SOME CLIMATIC ZONES IN CALIFORNIA. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN CROPPED AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.
- FARMLAND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE - 2,854,733 acres**
FARMLAND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE IS LAND OF IMPORTANCE TO THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY AS DETERMINED BY EACH COUNTY'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND A LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Interim Definitions for areas outside of soil surveys

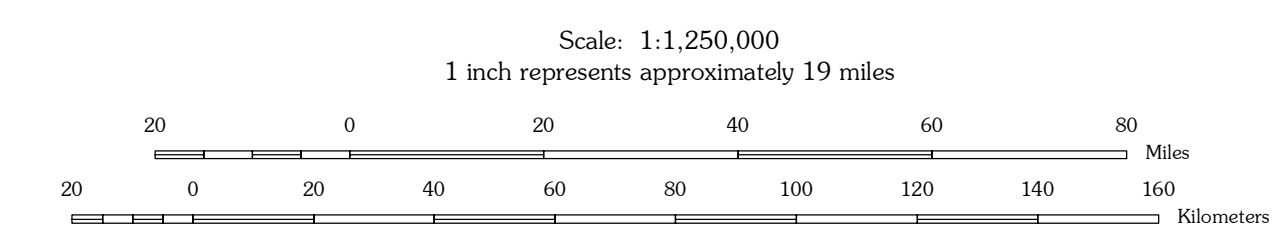
- IRRIGATED FARMLAND - 291,327 acres**
IRRIGATED FARMLAND IS LAND WITH A DEVELOPED IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY THAT IS DEPENDABLE AND OF ADEQUATE QUALITY. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN USED FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.
- NONIRRIGATED FARMLAND - 2,013 acres**
NONIRRIGATED FARMLAND IS LAND ON WHICH AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ARE PRODUCED ON A CONTINUING OR CYCLIC BASIS UTILIZING STORED SOIL MOISTURE.

Definitions used in both areas

- GRAZING LAND - 16,497,962 acres**
GRAZING LAND IS LAND ON WHICH THE EXISTING VEGETATION IS SUITED TO THE GRAZING OF LIVESTOCK. THE MINIMUM MAPPING UNIT IS 40 ACRES.
- URBAN AND BUILT-UP LAND - 3,379,656 acres**
URBAN AND BUILT-UP LAND IS OCCUPIED BY STRUCTURES WITH A BUILDING DENSITY OF AT LEAST 1 UNIT TO 1.5 ACRES, OR APPROXIMATELY 6 STRUCTURES TO A 10-ACRE PARCEL. COMMON EXAMPLES INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES, CEMETERIES, AIRPORTS, GOLF COURSES, SANITARY LANDFILLS, SEWAGE TREATMENT, AND WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES.
- OTHER LAND - 12,985,679 acres**
OTHER LAND IS LAND NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER MAPPING CATEGORY. COMMON EXAMPLES INCLUDE LOW DENSITY RURAL DEVELOPMENTS, BRUSH, TIMBER, WETLAND, AND RIPARIAN AREAS NOT SUITABLE FOR LIVESTOCK GRAZING, CONFINED LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, OR AQUACULTURE FACILITIES, STRIP MINES, BORROW PITS, AND WATER BODIES SMALLER THAN 40 ACRES. VACANT AND NONAGRICULTURAL LAND SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND GREATER THAN 40 ACRES IS MAPPED AS OTHER LAND.
- WATER - 706,929 acres**
PERENNIAL WATER BODIES WITH AN EXTENT OF AT LEAST 40 ACRES.

Other Features

- NOT MAPPED
- COUNTY LINE
- MAJOR ROAD
- COUNTY SEAT



THE FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM

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