



Essentials' Price Check

Land & Soil Classes Defined

Land Classes are based on the [University of Illinois Bulletin 811 Productivity Index](#) table which classifies the soil in terms of a productivity index (PI) number. The productivity rating provides a scale on which soils may be rated according to their suitability for several major crops under specified levels of management.

SOIL CLASS	PI RATING
A	133-147
B	117-132
C	100-116
D	≤ 99

The soil in a land sale is evaluated and scaled using soil maps. The overall PI rating is determined based on the percentage of individual soil PIs present in each farm. Just as the soils can be broken into classes, there are Class A, B, and C farms. The higher the PI rating, the more productive the farm's soils. (C is the lowest class of farm; they do not call a farm with all D soils a D farm.)

FARM CLASS	PI RATING
A	133-147
B	117-132
C	≤ 116