



Soil Science and Resource Assessment

2026 Annual Soils Refresh



Details for 2026 Annual Soils Refresh

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) refreshes the publicly available soil survey database once a year. This Annual Soils Refresh introduces new soil data and interpretations and updates existing soil data and interpretations. The Annual Soils Refresh also ensures all official soil data adhere to the same standards.

The official soil survey database was refreshed on October 1, 2026. The NRCS made the data available to the public through [Web Soil Survey](#), [Soil Data Access](#), and [SSURGO Portal](#).

The list below highlights some of the major changes to the official soil survey database in 2026.

- 3,386 soil survey areas published
- 3,937,519 acres of new soil data added
- 37,711 new soil polygons added
- 2,133 new map units added
- 19,725 new soil components added
- 74,336 new soil horizons added
- 121 national soil interpretations published
- The following soil survey areas were completed:
 - CA704 Rogue River National Forest Area, California
 - CA804 Anza-Borrego Area, California, Western Part *
 - ID700 South Idaho Forests, Idaho *
 - NY109 Tompkins County, New York
 - OR605 Deschutes National Forest, Oregon
 - UT607 Davis-Weber Area, Utah

* Soil survey area contains generalized order 5 soil mapping, published at a 1:250,000 scale. The soil survey may be mapped completely or partially at order 5. For comparison, most soil surveys contain detailed order 2 or order 3 soil mapping at the 1:24,000 scale. Refer to pages 269–275 in chapter 4 of the “[Soil Survey Manual](#)” for details about orders of soil surveys, including their level of detail, accuracy, and scale.

