



## 2009 FARMS Report Appendix E

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### Agriculture Land Use Survey Category Descriptions

Livestock/Forage:	Livestock present on the field, visible animal waste, presence of hay bales, visible tire tracks from cutting, baling or chopping, manure spreading
Managed Grassland:	Grassland or field where there are no signs of livestock/forage but is being cut at agronomic stubble heights (<3 inches)
Corn (2006 only):	Stand alone corn field use for grain or silage (vegetable corn included in Market Crops/Produce). Recorded as Livestock/Forage in 2009 survey.
Market crops/Produce:	Flower and vegetable gardens (must be larger than only self-sustaining)
Unmanaged Grassland:	Grassland or field where there are no signs of livestock/forage that is not being cut for length
Nursery:	Presence of a nursery
Tree Farm:	Presence of a tree farm (i.e. poplar plantation)
Orchard:	Presence of at least 6 orchard trees
Unmanaged Orchard:	Presence of orchard trees that show no signs of being harvested, pruned, fruit falling to the ground; collection must be visible on aerial photos
Grapes:	Presence of grapes
Sod farm:	Presence of sod farm
Forested/Upland:	Presence of forest, typically continuous multi-parcel tracts of trees; small, isolated groves not included
Sports/Recreation:	Presence of ball fields (baseball, soccer, etc.), parks, golf courses, grassland preserves that can be used for recreational hiking, sports complexes, campgrounds
Too Wet to Farm:	Presence of standing water visible from road or in aerial photos

Marsh or Wetland:	Presence of marsh, wetland, reeds, etc.
Other	Roads, rivers and lakes, buildings, any lawn or grass cut too short to be used for grazing, houses, mining or construction, non-tillable surfaces, non-agriculture parcels that are not covered by other categories
Horse (2009 only):	Horses present. Recorded as Livestock/Forage in the 2006 survey.

Notes on categories

- Depending upon the use of rotation and presence of activity, some parcels categorized as Managed or Unmanaged Grassland could be categorized as Livestock/Forage. Attempts were made to determine if any grassland fields were previously used or looked as if they were being kept up for future use (i.e. well-managed fencing, electrical tape).
- When a parcel had multiple land types it was divided into multiple records to indicate these uses. This was not done for buildings on an agriculturally-used parcel (such as a house on a livestock property) or when the other land type was insignificant (such as some trees on a property). In these instances the entire parcel was categorized as the majority use in order to keep record count at a manageable level.