Potential Agricultural Land

Lincoln Agricultural Commission
Lincoln, MA

December 2013

Total Current Agricultural Land: 493 Acres
Total Potential Agricultural Land: 1435 Acres

Legend:
- Protected Lands *
- Potential Agricultural Land *
- Prime Farmland **
- Current Agricultural Land **

Information as of September, 2013 based on best available data.

* Potential agriculture is defined as vacant or undeveloped land including the following four categories: woodland, cropland, barrens/vegetation open land and agricultural pasture, or very low density, woodland and not currently being farmed.

** Current agricultural land is defined as land that is currently being farmed under one of the following production categories: field, sod, truck, pasture and/or hay, and is also being farmed at a reasonable rate of production and not excessively eroded or saturated with water for a long period of time, and they either do not flood or flood more often than once a year.

** Prime farmland, as defined by the USDA, is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing feed, fiber, food, and vegetable crops, and is also reasonably well managed. It has soil quality, growing season, and availability of crops similar to extensively practiced counties or high yields of crops when treated and managed. It is considered ecologically and economically productive. This type of land supports planting of a variety of crops, including high quality feed and fiber crops, without excessive erosion or water deterioration. It typically supports high yielding crops with little or no irrigation, efficient water management, and adequate soil fertility. The soils are generally deep, well-drained, and fertile, and they contain low levels of salt and other pollutants. They are used primarily for corn, soybeans, and hay, but may be used for other crops as well.

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Protected Lands *

* Protection is defined as permanently, protected by conservation programs through a direct or complementary agreement with at least one of the following: an Agricultural Preservation Restriction, Conservation Easement, Conservation Restriction, or Chapter 61 based on the Hopland of the Town of Lincoln.

** Potential agricultural land that has been the subject of a current conservation program and is either in the process of being protected or has been protected in the past.

Sources: MassGIS and CDLI for the Town of Lincoln.

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