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LAND MANAGEMENT: ASSESSMENT, RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE BASE

Primary Productivity

The capacity of a soil to produce plant biomass for human use, providing food, feed, fiber and fuel within natural or managed ecosystem boundaries.



Primary Productivity process

Soil is the medium that enables us to grow our food, natural fibre and timber



Dverland flow hreshold	Drainage threshold		
1			
		Biomass cro	ps
	<u>_</u> F <u>c</u>	orestry (decid	uous)(coniterous)
		Tillage	
		Grassland	
Drainage			Drought
wetter	V potentia	l primary	drier
	produ	ctivity	Source: Coyle et al., 2014

- All soil types perform the function of primary productivity, but they differ in type (i.e. grassland, biomass, cropland).
- Primary productivity depends on land use and soil type. The suitability for each one determines their potential.
- The main driver for primary productivity is drainage.

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