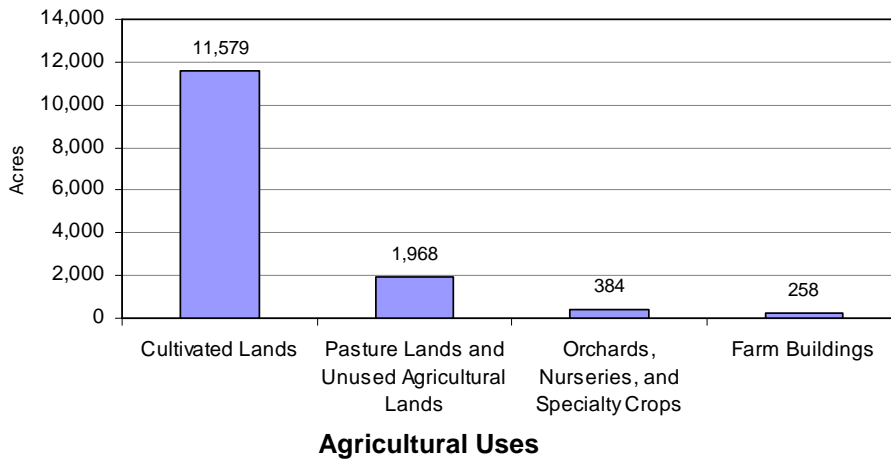




## Inventory of Soils & Agricultural Resources

In 2000, the Town of Bristol encompassed a total of 22,238 acres, including 14,189 acres of agricultural lands.



Source: SEWRPC

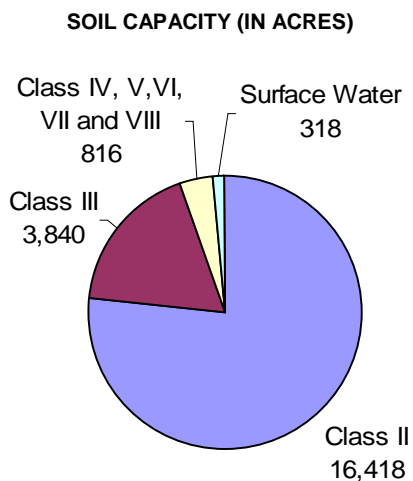
- Cultivated Lands are used for the cultivation of crops, including row crops, grain crops, vegetable crops and hay.
- Pasture Lands and Unused Agricultural Lands include lands used as pasture, or lands which were formerly cultivated or used for pasture which have not yet succeeded to a wetland or woodland plant community.
- Orchards, Nurseries and Specialty Crops include lands used for orchards, nurseries, sod farms and specialty crops.
- Farm Buildings include barns, silos, and other buildings used to store farm equipment or supplies, or to house farm animals.

### Soils

The Town of Bristol contains 5,523 acres of severe structural soils (26% of the Town), and 5,783 acres of severe wet soils (27%). (The categories are not exclusive.) These soils pose significant limitations for most types of development.

### Soil Classification

- 77% of soils in the Town are “National Prime Farmlands.”
- 18% are “Farmlands of Statewide Significance.”



Source: Nature Resources Conservation Service and SEWRPC.

- Class I and II soils are considered “National Prime Farmlands” and have few limitations.
- Class III soils are considered “Farmlands of Statewide Significance” but may have limitations that require special conservation practices.
- Class IV soils have very severe limitations that may limit the choice of crops and/or require special management.
- Class V, VI, and VII soils are considered suitable for pasture but not for crops.
- Class VIII soils are too rough, shallow or otherwise limited to produce economically worthwhile yields of crops, forage, or wood products.