Land Evaluation ratings for each soil map unit were created based on three factors: Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) system and rates the soil-based qualities of a site for agricultural use. The factors used to determine agricultural suitability included:

1. Prime farm land (10%)
2. Soil productivity for corn and alfalfa (45%)
3. For somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained, and very poorly drained soils the value for each factor depends on whether or not the soils are drained.

The soils in Group I are the best soils for agriculture. Note that these ratings are examples only.

Agricultural Soils: 2005 (NRCS).
MPO Boundary: 2013 (MATPB).
Hydrography: 12/00, 1:24,000 (WIDNR).

Source Info: