

California Department of Conservation
FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM

2012 FIELD REPORT

COUNTY: Amador

FIELD MAPPER(S): C.K. Williams

IMAGE DATA USED:

Source: National Agriculture Imagery Program, USDA
Acquisition date: Summer 2012
Data description: True color mosaic, 1 meter resolution
Coverage gaps: None
Additional imagery used: Google Maps

WRITTEN, DIGITAL & ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:

The following entities and individuals provided information used to conduct 2012 mapping.

Local Review Comments (submitted by cities, counties, & others on 2010 maps)
Personal Contacts
Websites Used for Reference Google Earth, Street View: http://maps.google.com
GIS Data Used for Reference

2010-2012 CHANGE SUMMARY:

Changes made during the map update are summarized by type and location. Particular attention is paid to large or unusual changes and their estimated acreages. Please note that land use type, size of land use unit, soil quality, and Farmland of Local Importance definition (if any) determines the final Important Farmland (IFL) category. [See definitions](#) at bottom of table.

Conversions to Urban Land	
Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land	0 changes

There were no significant conversions of Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land this update.

Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Urban Land

2 changes

There were only two small conversions of Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other to Urban Land this update, both were under 15 acres. The conversions were primarily due to the use of high resolution digital imagery to improve boundaries.

Conversions from Irrigated Farmland aside from urbanization

Irrigated Farmland to Nonirrigated Land Uses

6 changes

The majority of these changes were due to plots of irrigated land having been fallow for three or more update cycles. Every effort was made to field check these sites if possible. The largest of these changes was 20 acres.

Irrigated Farmland to Other Land

1 change

There was only one significant change due to a plot of irrigated land having been fallow for three or more update cycles. The plot was primarily low-density housing (ranchettes). It was less than 20 acres and located north east of Plymouth.

Conversions to Irrigated Farmland

Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Irrigated Farmland

5 changes

The primary conversions were due to the addition of vineyards. Most of the changes were less than 20 acres each. The largest change was the addition of a new orchard on the Fiddletown quad (H35 acres), located west of the community of River Pines.

Unusual Changes

(Types of change not already described or special circumstances during the 2012 update.)

None

Areas of Concern for Future Updates

(Locations or map categories noted as needing careful checking during 2014 update, and reasons.)

None

Definitions:

Irrigated Farmland includes most irrigated crops grown in California. When combined with soil data, these farmed areas become the Important Farmland (IFL) categories of Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance & Unique Farmland. Because of the nature of the IFL definitions, some irrigated uses, such as irrigated pastures or nurseries, may not be eligible for all three IFL categories.

Nonirrigated land uses include grazing areas, land used for dryland crop farming,

and formerly irrigated land that has been left idle for three or more update cycles. These uses are frequently incorporated into county Farmland of Local Importance definitions.

Other Land includes a variety of miscellaneous uses, such as low density rural residential development, mining areas, vacant areas and nonagricultural vegetation. Confined animal agriculture facilities are mapped as Other Land unless incorporated into a county Farmland of Local Importance definition.

Urban Land includes residential, industrial, recreational, infrastructure and institutional uses.

For more on map categories, including Farmland of Local Importance definitions, visit the [FMMP web site](#).

LABOR ESTIMATE:

Time estimates for conducting the 2012 update.

Image interpretation, start date: 9/8/2014
Image interpretation, number of days: 4
Ground truth dates: 1
Number of days for post-ground truth clean-up: 2

Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp/Pages/Index.aspx>