

South West Region

Likelihood of 'Best and Most Versatile' (BMV) Agricultural Land

This map shows the best available estimate of agricultural land quality at the date of compilation (2001) expressed in terms of the proportion of land likely to be classified as 'best and most versatile' ('BMV') i.e. Grades 1, 2, 3a in the Defra Agricultural Land Classification (revised 1988).

Data sources include:

Soil information from the National Soil Map (1983) produced by the National Soil Resources Institute of Cranfield University. The National Soil Map is copyright Cranfield University.

Detailed Defra Agricultural Land Classification field survey results for local areas.

The Defra 1:250,000 scale Agricultural Land Classification maps of England.

Climatic Data derived from Met. Office Sources.

Extent of non agricultural land use derived from the Defra 1:250,000 scale Agricultural Land Classification maps of England.

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Predictive BMV Land Assesment © Defra

- High likelihood of BMV land (>60% area bmv)
- Moderate likelihood of BMV land (20 - 60% area bmv)
- Low likelihood of BMV land (<= 20% area bmv)
- Non-agricultural use
- Urban / Industrial

