

Soil Health

FOR FARMING IN TASMANIA



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Soil Health for Farming in Tasmania is a practical reference for those who are interested in identifying readily observable soil attributes that impact on farm management. The book describes soil properties important for farming in Tasmania and the distribution of the major soil orders around the State.



The book has an emphasis on what you can see and feel that will indicate a soil's health with some guidance on what can be done about managing in a practical on-the-paddock way. Soil properties important in determining soil health are covered including structure, texture, organic matter, pH and compaction. Guidance is given on a range of soil management issues including tillage, drainage, irrigation, rotations and erosion control.



Soil health is identified as an important key to sustainable land management in order to protect and improve long-term agricultural productivity, surface water quality, and habitats of all organisms, including people.

