

Soil and Land Evaluation Skills Checklist

After completing these Soil and Land Evaluation skills, students should be able to evaluate soil and land, recommend land treatments and complete the scorecards for soil/land and homesite evaluation. This knowledge will provide a solid groundwork upon which the student may build. To achieve success in this curriculum the skills listed below will help leaders and advisors know what to teach and the students to know what they need to learn. Have your leader or advisor initial and date each skill as completed.

		Date Completed	Approved By
1.	Match terms associated with soil and land evaluation to the correct definitions.		
2.	List three reasons for soil and land evaluation.		
3.	Select factors considered in determining land capability class.		
4.	Name the five major groups of soil in relation to texture.		
5.	Discuss determining soil texture by feel using Thien's analysis chart.		
6.	Determine correctly 5 out of 10 unknown soil textures by feel.		
7.	Match the different variations of permeability, depth, slope, erosion, surface runoff, drainage, and climate to the identifying characteristics of each.		
8.	Match the land capability class to the correct description.		·
9.	Select, when given six land factors, the best land class possible for the specified field.		
10.	Select the recommended vegetative land treatments when given the land capability class.		
11.	Select the recommended mechanical land treatments when given the land capability class.		
12.	Select the correct fertilizer and soil amendments needed from soil test information provided.		
13.	Select factors considered in homesite evaluation.		
14.	Match the variations of permeability, slope, erosion, runoff, shrink- swell, water table and flooding to the correct definitions for homesite evaluation.		
15.	Select, when given land factors, the degree of limitation for foundations without basement; lawns, shrubs and gardens; septic systems; and lagoon sewage systems.		
16.	Demonstrate the ability to: a. Complete a land evaluation scorecard when given the characteristics of a field.		
	 Complete a homesite evaluation scorecard when given the characteristics of a field. 		