

# Wisconsin State Soil



## Antigo Silt Loam

In 1983 Antigo Silt Loam was designated as the official state soil of Wisconsin reminding us of the vital importance of our soil resources.

### Did You Know That...



Soil Scientists have identified over 17,000 kinds of soil in the U.S.



Soil makes up the outermost layer of our planet.



Natural processes can take 500 years to form one inch of top soil.



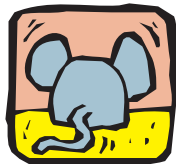
Earthworms in one acre can digest 36 tons of soil in one year.



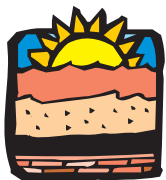
Soil is formed from rocks and decaying plants.



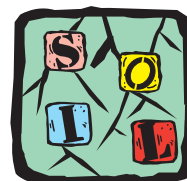
5 tons of topsoil spread over an acre is as thick as a dime.



Mice, moles, worms and shrews dig burrows which help mix and aerate the soil.



Top soil is the most productive soil layer. It has varying amounts of organisms, minerals and nutrients.



Roots hold soil together and help prevent erosion.

