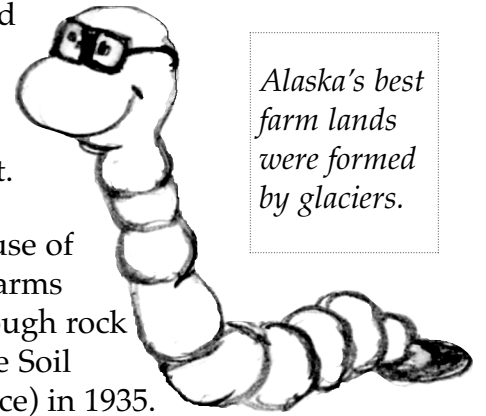


Soil Erosion

Soil erosion is when the soil is moved from one place to another by nature. Wind and water move soil. So do glaciers. Some erosion is natural but other erosion is caused or made worse by man. Plowed fields without crop cover are easily eroded. Building sites and other construction areas are easily eroded, too. Erosion of topsoil reduces the productivity of land. It also moves soil to places where it doesn't belong. Preventing erosion is important.



Alaska's best farm lands were formed by glaciers.

In the Dust Bowl Days of the 1930s, so much topsoil blew away because of drought (lack of rain) and wind on heavily farmed fields that many farms lost their ability to grow crops. It can take thousands of years for enough rock to wear away to make soil. To help fight erosion, Congress created the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) in 1935. A few years later, Conservation Districts were formed to help address local conservation issues.

From Alaska's Awesome Soils, an activity book by the USDA NRCS - Alaska and the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts.

Letter Tile Puzzles

In each of the two puzzles below, rearrange the tiles to find the hidden phrase.

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