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**Soils of the North Central Region of the United States.** Agricultural Experiment Station, Madison, Wisconsin. (Available from Ohio Agricultural Station, Department of Agronomy, Wooster, Ohio.) 1960. 192 p. \$2.00.

Though it has been out for two years, many are not aware of this important publication, which contains the most complete summary available for the characteristics, origins, and distribution of the major soils (agricultural) of the twelve north central states (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota). It was prepared by the joint efforts of 22 top-notch soils experts, representing universities (Ohio is represented by Dr. Nicholas Holowaychuk), state soils agencies, and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

The distribution of 189 soils associations is shown on a large colored map which is clearly legible even from a considerable distance. Each association is briefly discussed in the text, as are the Great Soil Groups to which these soils belong. Every individual soil (over 2000 in all) is listed with its characteristics on a detailed chart. The general soil-forming factors are discussed in one chapter (by Holowaychuk); management problems are briefly discussed in another. The entire text should be understandable to the educated layman, as well as to the professional.

This publication is important for farmers, construction and highway engineers, and regional planners, but it is of greatest value to soil scientists, ecologists, and geologists.

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