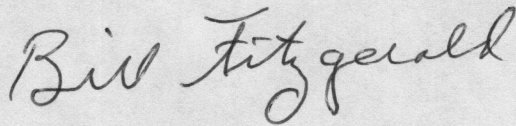


COMMENTS ON SOILS OF EISBERG FAMILY FARM

The Eisberg family farm with its predominate Shannondale silt loam soil and rich fertile bottom land is one of the more desirable and valuable pieces of property in Chariton County due to its high productivity. The Shannondale series of soil consists of very deep, moderately well-drained, moderately permeable soils formed in loess and is a Class I soil. The land lays in what is called a "second bottom" or "bench". There are only small strips of this type of soil in the county of this "bench" and the Eisberg farm is located in this small area of some of the most productive land in the county. I am quite familiar with the soils on this property as I am a former employee for both the Chariton County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Chariton County USDA Farm Service Agency and I visited the farm frequently for USDA and Chariton County SWCD farm programs.

Prime farmland such as the Eisberg family farm is held tightly locally and does not come up for sale very frequently. Most sales of this type are private transfers and it is rare to have this type of farm come up for sale on the open market in Chariton County.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Fitzgerald". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Bill Fitzgerald

Former USDA Soil Conservationist Aide (1987-1993)

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