The Agroecosystem Health Index (AHI) was created using a combination of biophysical and socioeconomic variables to give a broad overview of areas of relative strength in agriculture within the 16 county NE Ohio region. The key variables in the index are biodiversity, soils, topography, social organization, farm economics, and land economics. In combination, these conditions influence properties such as productivity, sustainability, stability, and equitability. The AHI provides insight into where agriculture is strongest and where it faces more challenges, in relative terms, within the region.

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