

# INTERESTING SOIL FACTS

**500 TO 1,000** years to form one inch of topsoil.

Soils are home to **25%** of all animals living on the planet.

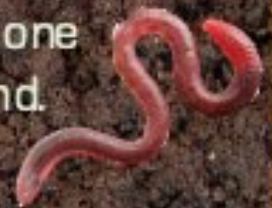
Only **1%** of the microorganisms in soil have been identified so far.



Glossy magazine pages contain about **70%** soil.



**1 MILLION** earthworms in one acre of crop land.



**2500 GIGATONS** of carbon is stored in the world's soils – that's more carbon than the atmosphere and all plant life.



**HALF** of the world's topsoil has been lost during the last **150** years.



Less than **10%** of the earth's land is suitable for agriculture.



## RESOURCES

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