

CONEAT RATING

All Uruguay is mapped with soil types classified according to their productivity. Productivity is then measured by an index known as the "CONEAT index".

Our chacra has 63% better ground (Coneat 88), and 37% lesser ground (Coneat 61) with the proportions' average being 78. (See drawing at upper right)

The following is from a website called Farmland Uruguay:

"The average index for soils is 100. Thin soils on slopes will have a low index and would, perhaps, be better suited to forestry. Land given a Coneat grade of 80 to 120 is most often grassland, suitable for cattle. Coneat above 120 is usually suitable for intensive cultivation of most crops. Prime farmland for wheat might have an index of 150.

Of course, any one property may have a diversity of soils—generally poorer on uplands and slopes and better on the lower ground." From: <https://farmlandinuruguay.wordpress.com/coneat-index/>

And here's an even more-detailed page in English...

<https://www.realestate-in-uruguay.com/blog/the-coneat-index-in-uruguay/>

...that website explains that 100 is average, 200 is maximum [the link below says 263]. IMPORTANT to realized Coneat is regarding beef production: the 100 refers to 100 kilos of meat. But you will read how it has since been used to categorize value also for crops and forestry also.

Here is a link regarding "Coneat" and how to find a parcel's rating:

<http://web.renare.gub.uy/js/coneatm/> will give you a map of South America

Click on Opciones and a menu should pop out from the right

Click on Buscar Padron

Choose the Departamento of Canelones

Enter Numero Padron: 11224

Click on Buscar

You will see the light blue rectangular boundary around the Chacra Gaudium property only

Click on Capas, and then Padrones Rurales and the number appears

Click on Grupos Coneat and the soil levels (called Coneat here) appear.

There is another site

<http://dgrn.mgap.gub.uy/js/visores/coneat/> that shows our property's average Coneat rating: 78.

Real Valor translates as real value of 121 (see below) which is related to the services and good roads a few meters away: Ruta 8. There is lots of land that is difficult to access even in dry season which is why we built such a good bridge on our property—so we could get across to the other side when our stream fills up with rain.



Our padrone is labelled A-11224 has two coneats 4.2 in grey and 5.02b in green

Coneat is the average of the gray and light green but the labels for those (4.2 & 5.02b) are not ratings but rather categories (detailed below). With this one you have to zoom into the area on route 8, 9 & 80 several times before the Padrone boundaries show... then click on the Magnifying Glass symbol at right (Buscar) to enter the Padron number & Departamento like above. This site is found on <http://www.mgap.gub.uy/unidad-organizativa/direccion-general-de-recursos-naturales> which may have other info of interest.

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Bill & Pat Owen's Coneat calculation				
<u>Coneat Category*</u>	<u>Coneat Value</u>	<u>Proportion</u>	<u>Proportionate Base Coneat</u>	<u>Coneat Real Valor</u>
4.2	61	37%	23	
5.02b	88	63%	55	
Average Base Coneat			78	121
*Or what Uruguay calls Grupos de Suelos (soil groups).				