

Natural capital performance: steady amidst volatility

We analyzed the performance of natural capital investments against other major stock and bond markets between 2022-2023, our findings are below.

Analysis

US farmland and timberland outperformed other major stock and bond indexes in 2022 and maintained solid performance in 2023. In 2023, US Timberland returns were up 9.5%, split between strong capital appreciation at 6.7% and income return making up the remainder. While strong row crop performance helped bring US Farmland Index returns in at 5%, weakness in some permanent crop segments was a drag on overall performance in 2023.

This stable return profile with relatively low volatility is right in-line with what we would expect from the last three decades of natural capital performance.



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