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The authors have attempted to determine the soil characteristics under different landuses at Fakot watershed in the Tehri Garhwal hills to evaluate the influence of landuses on soil properties at varying elevations ranging from 650 to 2015 m above msl. Comparison of average values of soil characteristics under different landuses indicated highest amount or organic matter, total nitrogen, DTPA-extractable Zn and Mn in forest soils and lowest in wastelands. DTPA-extractable Cu and Fe in forest soils were more than agriculture soil but did not show marked difference with wastelands. Rainfed agricultural lands were poorer in organic matter and macro and micro-nutrients than irrigated agricultural lands.