

Map Unit Description

Yuma County, Colorado

11 Colby silt loam, 6 to 15 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 3500 to 4200 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 15 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 50 to 52 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 150 days

Composition

Colby and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Colby

Setting

Landform: Low hills
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loess

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 6 to 15 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 15 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: High (about 10.2 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e
Land capability (non irrigated): 6e
Ecological site: Loamy Slopes (R072XY007CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 8 inches: silt loam
8 to 60 inches: silt loam

Minor Components

Kuma

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Keith

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

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Map symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total dry-weight production			Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland composition
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
		Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac		
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