

# Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

## 47 Otero sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes

### Setting

Elevation: 4500 to 5500 feet  
Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 15 inches  
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F  
Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days

### Composition

Otero and similar soils: 85 percent  
Minor components: 15 percent

### Description of Otero

#### Setting

Landform: Fans, plains  
Down-slope shape: Linear  
Across-slope shape: Linear  
Parent material: Calcareous loamy alluvium and/or colluvium

#### Properties and Qualities

Slope: 3 to 9 percent  
Drainage class: Well drained  
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.57 to 5.95 in/hr)  
Frequency of flooding: None  
Frequency of ponding: None  
Calcium carbonate maximum: 10 percent  
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent  
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.7 inches)

#### Interpretive Groups

Land capability (non irrigated): 6e  
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

#### Typical Profile

0 to 5 inches: sandy loam  
5 to 60 inches: fine sandy loam, sandy loam

### Minor Components

#### Stoneham

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

#### Bushman

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

#### Kim

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

#### Mitchell

Percent of map unit: 2 percent