

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

5—Ascalon fine sandy loam, 6 to 9 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,500 to 6,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Map Unit Composition

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

Description of Ascalon

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy alluvium

Properties and qualities

Slope: 6 to 9 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 10 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e
Land capability (nonirrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical profile

0 to 6 inches: Fine sandy loam
6 to 21 inches: Sandy clay loam
21 to 60 inches: Sandy loam

Minor Components

Altvan

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Peetz

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Cascajo

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

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Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Landform: Swales

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

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