Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

46—Otero sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,500 to 5,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days

Map Unit Composition

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

Description of Otero

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy alluvium

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 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 (0.57 to 5.95 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 to very slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water capacity: Very high (about 14.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability (nonirrigated): 4e
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: 5 percent

Bushman

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Kim

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Mitchell
Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part
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