

## 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

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland  
*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 4e  
*Land capability (nonirrigated):* 4e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B  
*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

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*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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