

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

50—Otero sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,700 to 5,250 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: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Eolian deposits and/or mixed outwash

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 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: Moderate (about 7.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of
I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60
Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical profile

0 to 12 inches: Sandy loam
12 to 60 inches: Fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Haverson

Percent of map unit: 8 percent

Kim

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

Survey Area Data: Version 12, Jan 3, 2014

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68—Ustic Torriorthents, moderately steep

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,450 to 5,100 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 10 to 16 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F

Frost-free period: 120 to 160 days

Map Unit Composition

Ustic torriorthents and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ustic Torriorthents

Setting

Landform: Escarpments, breaks

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Gravelly alluvium

Properties and qualities

Slope: 9 to 15 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Excessively drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95 to 19.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water capacity: Very low (about 1.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Land capability (nonirrigated): 7s

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Typical profile

0 to 10 inches: Gravelly sand

10 to 60 inches: Gravelly sand

Minor Components

Columbo

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Eckley

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Otero

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

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