

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

47 Olney fine sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4600 to 5200 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 11 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F
Frost-free period: 125 to 175 days

Composition

Olney and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 1 percent

Description of Olney

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Mixed deposit outwash

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 1 to 3 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 15 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.0 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e
Land capability (non irrigated): 4c
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 10 inches: fine sandy loam
10 to 20 inches: sandy clay loam
20 to 25 inches: sandy clay loam
25 to 60 inches: fine sandy loam

Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Swales

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

37 Nelson fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4800 to 5050 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 190 days

Composition

Nelson and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 1 percent

Description of Nelson

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to Paralithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or high (0.06 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 10 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.7 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 9 inches: fine sandy loam
9 to 30 inches: fine sandy loam
30 to 34 inches: weathered bedrock

Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Swales