

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

4—Aquolls and Aquepts, flooded

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 362l

Elevation: 3,600 to 4,700 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 16 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 50 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 100 to 165 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

Map Unit Composition

Aquolls and similar soils: 55 percent

Aquepts, flooded, and similar soils: 25 percent

Minor components: 20 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Aquolls

Setting

Landform: Depressions, drainageways, plains

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Recent alluvium

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: variable

H2 - 8 to 60 inches: stratified sandy loam to clay

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Poorly drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):

Moderately low to high (0.06 to 6.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 36 inches

Frequency of flooding: Frequent

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 10 percent

Salinity, maximum in profile: Slightly saline to moderately saline (8.0 to 16.0 mmhos/cm)

Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum in profile: 5.0

Available water storage in profile: Low (about 4.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6w

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: Salt meadow (R067BY035CO)

Description of Aquepts, Flooded

Setting

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Minor Components

Haverson

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

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Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

Survey Area Data: Version 12, Jan 3, 2014