

## Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

### 51—Otero sandy loam, 1 to 3 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

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 12 inches:* moderately alkaline, sandy loam

*H2 - 12 to 60 inches:* moderately alkaline, fine sandy loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 1 to 3 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Natural 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 in profile:* 10 percent

*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

*Available water storage in profile:* 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

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B

*Ecological site:* Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

#### Minor Components

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*Percent of map unit:* 10 percent

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*Percent of map unit: 5 percent*

**Data Source Information**

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

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