

## Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

### 15—Colby loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* 361q

*Elevation:* 4,850 to 5,050 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 16 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 48 to 50 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 135 to 155 days

*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated

#### Map Unit Composition

*Colby and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

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

#### Description of Colby

##### Setting

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Calcareous eolian deposits

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 7 inches:* loam

*H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* silt loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 1 to 3 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Natural drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Low

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

Moderately high to high (0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile:* 15 percent

*Available water storage in profile:* High (about 10.6 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3e

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B

*Ecological site:* Loamy plains (R067BY002CO)

#### Minor Components

##### Wiley

*Percent of map unit:* 9 percent

**Keith**

*Percent of map unit:* 6 percent

**Data Source Information**

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

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