

## Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

### 5—Ascalon sandy loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* 2tlmx

*Elevation:* 3,870 to 6,070 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 13 to 16 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 46 to 57 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 135 to 160 days

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Ascalon and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

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

#### Description of Ascalon

##### Setting

*Landform:* Interfluves

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Wind-reworked alluvium and/or calcareous sandy  
eolian deposits

##### Typical profile

*Ap - 0 to 6 inches:* sandy loam

*Bt1 - 6 to 12 inches:* sandy clay loam

*Bt2 - 12 to 19 inches:* sandy clay loam

*Bk - 19 to 35 inches:* sandy clay loam

*C - 35 to 80 inches:* sandy loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 5 to 9 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Natural drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Medium

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

Moderately high to high (0.60 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:* 10 percent

*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline (0.1 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum in profile:* 1.0

*Available water storage in profile:* Moderate (about 6.8 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 4e

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4c

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B  
*Ecological site:* Sandy plains (R067BY024CO)

### **Minor Components**

#### **Stoneham**

*Percent of map unit:* 10 percent  
*Landform:* Interfluves  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Ecological site:* Loamy plains (R067BY002CO)

#### **Manter**

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent  
*Landform:* Interfluves  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Ecological site:* Sandy plains (R072XY023CO)

## **Data Source Information**

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part  
Survey Area Data: Version 10, Sep 23, 2014