

Washington County, Colorado

17—Colby-Norka loams, 5 to 9 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 35tr
Elevation: 3,800 to 5,500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F
Frost-free period: 135 to 155 days
Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Colby and similar soils: 45 percent
Norka and similar soils: 35 percent
Minor components: 20 percent
Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Colby

Setting

Landform: Hills
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Loess

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: loam
H2 - 8 to 60 inches: silt 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 (0.57 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): 6e
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: Loamy Slopes (R067BY008CO)

Description of Norka

Setting

Landform: Hills
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Loess

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 4 inches: loam
H2 - 4 to 13 inches: silty clay loam
H3 - 13 to 60 inches: silt 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 (0.20 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 10.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: Loamy Slopes (R067BY008CO)

Minor Components

Otero

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

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Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Washington County, Colorado
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