

Arapahoe County, Colorado

AcD—Adena-Colby fine sandy loams, 5 to 9 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 34xm

Elevation: 4,700 to 6,200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 16 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 120 to 170 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and the product of I (soil erodibility) x C (climate factor) does not exceed 60

Map Unit Composition

Adena and similar soils: 55 percent

Colby and similar soils: 30 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

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

Description of Adena

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope

Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Dark-colored alluvium and/or eolian deposits

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: fine sandy loam

H2 - 3 to 15 inches: clay loam, silty clay loam

H2 - 3 to 15 inches: loam, silt loam, very fine sandy loam

H3 - 15 to 60 inches:

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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 (0.20 to 0.60 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: Very high (about 27.3 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e
Hydrologic Soil Group: C
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)
Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Colby

Setting

Landform: Ridges, hills
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope
Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Fine-loamy eolian deposits and/or fine-silty eolian deposits

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 4 inches: fine sandy loam
H2 - 4 to 60 inches: silt loam, loam
H2 - 4 to 60 inches:

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: 20 percent
Available water storage in profile: Very high (about 19.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4c
Hydrologic Soil Group: B
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)
Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Ascalon

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Olney

Percent of map unit: 5 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

Terry

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Arapahoe County, Colorado

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