

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

3—Aquolls and Aquepts, gravelly substratum

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 3627

Elevation: 4,000 to 7,200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 18 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 45 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 80 to 155 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

Map Unit Composition

Aquolls and similar soils: 55 percent

Aquepts, gravelly substratum, and similar soils: 30 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

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

Description of Aquolls

Setting

Landform: Flood plains, swales, streams

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Recent alluvium

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 48 inches: loam

H2 - 48 to 60 inches: gravelly sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Poorly drained

Runoff class: Low

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: About 6 to 48 inches

Frequency of flooding: Frequent

Frequency of ponding: None

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

Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 8.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: Salt Meadow (R067BY035CO)

Hydric soil rating: Yes

Description of Aquepts, Gravelly Substratum

Setting

Landform: Stream terraces
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Recent alluvium

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 48 inches: variable
H2 - 48 to 60 inches: very gravelly sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Natural drainage class: Poorly drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):
Moderately high to very high (0.57 to 19.98 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 6 to 24 inches
Frequency of flooding: Frequent
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 10 percent
Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline to moderately saline (0.0 to
8.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 6.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6w
Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6w
Hydrologic Soil Group: D
Ecological site: Salt Meadow (R067BY035CO)
Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 10 percent
Hydric soil rating: No

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

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part
Survey Area Data: Version 15, Sep 22, 2016