

## Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

### 47—Otero sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* 3601

*Elevation:* 4,500 to 5,500 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 15 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 48 to 52 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 130 to 180 days

*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

*Otero and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

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

#### Description of Otero

##### Setting

*Landform:* Fans, plains

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Calcareous loamy alluvium and/or colluvium

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 5 inches:* sandy loam

*H2 - 5 to 60 inches:* sandy loam, fine sandy loam

*H2 - 5 to 60 inches:*

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 3 to 9 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 5.95 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 to slightly saline (0.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)

*Available water storage in profile:* Very high (about 14.8 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* None specified

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 6e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* A

*Ecological site:* Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

*Hydric soil rating:* No

### **Minor Components**

#### **Stoneham**

*Percent of map unit:* 7 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### **Kim**

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### **Bushman**

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### **Mitchell**

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

## **Data Source Information**

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

Survey Area Data: Version 12, Oct 10, 2017