

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

51 Peetz gravelly sandy loam, 5 to 20 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 3500 to 6500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 15 to 19 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 50 degrees F
Frost-free period: 120 to 150 days

Composition

Peetz and similar soils: 80 percent
Minor components: 20 percent

Description of Peetz

Setting

Landform: Breaks, ridges
Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope, shoulder
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous gravelly alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 5 to 20 percent
Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 6.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 20 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Low (about 3.1 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e
Land capability (non irrigated): 6e
Ecological site: Gravel Breaks (R067BY063CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 4 inches: gravelly sandy loam
4 to 60 inches: very gravelly sand

Minor Components

Wages

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Altvan

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Ascalon

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Bushman

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

Map symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total dry-weight production			Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland composition
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
		Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac		Pct
51: Peetz	Gravel Breaks	1,500	1,200	1,000	Little bluestem Prairie sandreed Sideoats grama Other perennial forbs Needleandthread Other perennial grasses Sand dropseed Fringed sagewort Other shrubs Prairie junegrass Small soapweed Wormwood	12 10 10 8 5 5 5 3 2 2 2 1

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

4 Ascalon fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4500 to 6500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Composition

Ascalon and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ascalon

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 6 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 10 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.9 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e
Land capability (non irrigated): 3e
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 8 inches: fine sandy loam
8 to 22 inches: sandy clay loam
22 to 60 inches: sandy loam

Minor Components

Olney

Percent of map unit: 8 percent

Otero

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

Map symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total dry-weight production			Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland composition
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
		Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac	Lb/Ac		
4: Ascalon	Loamy Plains	1,700	1,200	750	Western wheatgrass Needleandthread Sideoats grama	20 5 3

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

5 Ascalon fine sandy loam, 6 to 9 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4500 to 6500 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Composition

Ascalon and similar soils: 85 percent
Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Ascalon

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Calcareous loamy alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 6 to 9 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 10 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.8 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 6 inches: fine sandy loam
6 to 21 inches: sandy clay loam
21 to 60 inches: sandy loam

Minor Components

Altvan

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Peetz

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Cascajo

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Aquic haplustolls

Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Swales

Rangeland Productivity and Plant Composition

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

Map symbol and soil name	Ecological site	Total dry-weight production			Characteristic vegetation	Rangeland composition
		Favorable year	Normal year	Unfavorable year		
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