

# 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

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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
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Ascalon	Loamy Plains	1,700	1,200	750	Western wheatgrass	20
					Needleandthread	5
					Sideoats grama	3