

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

2 Altvan loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4500 to 4900 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 16 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 48 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 150 days

Composition

Altvan and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Altvan

Setting

Landform: Terraces
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Old alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 1 to 3 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.20 to 2.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 5 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.6 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 10 inches: loam
10 to 24 inches: sandy clay loam
24 to 60 inches: gravelly sand

Minor Components

Cascajo

Percent of map unit: 9 percent

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Percent of map unit: 1 percent
Landform: Swales

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

32 Kim loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4900 to 5250 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 17 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F
Frost-free period: 125 to 150 days

Composition

Kim and similar soils: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Kim

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Mixed eolian deposits derived from sedimentary rock

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 1 to 3 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.57 to 5.95 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 15 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 9.0 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 12 inches: loam
12 to 40 inches: loam
40 to 60 inches: fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Otero

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

51 Otero sandy loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4700 to 5250 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days

Composition

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

Description of Otero

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Eolian deposits and/or mixed outwash

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 1 to 3 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high or high (0.57 to 5.95 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 10 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.7 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e
Land capability (non irrigated): 4e
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 12 inches: sandy loam
12 to 60 inches: fine sandy loam

Minor Components

Kim

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

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Percent of map unit: 5 percent