

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

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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
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