

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

69 Valent sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4650 to 5100 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 19 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 180 days

Composition

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

Description of Valent

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Eolian deposits

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Drainage class: Excessively drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High or very high (5.95 to 19.98 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 0 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Very low (about 2.6 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e
Land capability (non irrigated): 6e
Ecological site: Deep Sand (R067BY015CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 8 inches: fine sand
8 to 60 inches: sand

Minor Components

Osgood

Percent of map unit: 10 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		
		<i>Lb/Ac</i>	<i>Lb/Ac</i>	<i>Lb/Ac</i>		<i>Pct</i>
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Valent	Deep Sand	2,000	1,200	800	Prairie sandreed	15
					Sand bluestem	15
					Sand sagebrush	15
					Sand dropseed	10
					Indian ricegrass	5
					Little bluestem	5
					Needlegrass	5
					Sandhill muhly	5
					Sideoats grama	5
					Switchgrass	5
					Thickspike wheatgrass	5