

Map Unit Description

Washington County, Colorado

3 Ascalon fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 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: 90 percent
Minor components: 10 percent

Description of Ascalon

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Wind-worked alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 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 7.1 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e
Land capability (non irrigated): 3e
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 7 inches: fine sandy loam
7 to 18 inches: sandy clay loam
18 to 27 inches: loam
27 to 60 inches: fine sandy loam

Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 10 percent