

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

52 Otero sandy loam, 3 to 5 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: 3 to 5 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: 12 percent

Vona

Percent of map unit: 3 percent

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

38 Nelson fine sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4800 to 5050 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 57 degrees F
Frost-free period: 145 to 190 days

Composition

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

Description of Nelson

Setting

Landform: Plains
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 3 to 9 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to Paralithic bedrock
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low or high (0.06 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: Low (about 3.7 inches)

Interpretive Groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e
Land capability (non irrigated): 6e
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical Profile

0 to 9 inches: fine sandy loam
9 to 30 inches: fine sandy loam
30 to 34 inches: weathered bedrock

Minor Components

Thedalund

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Terry

Percent of map unit: 5 percent