

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

50 Otero sandy loam, 0 to 1 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: 0 to 1 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
Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Typical Profile

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

Minor Components

Haverson

Percent of map unit: 8 percent

Kim

Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Map Unit Description

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

75 Vona sandy loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Setting

Elevation: 4650 to 4950 feet
Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches
Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 55 degrees F
Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Composition

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

Description of Vona

Setting

Landform: Terraces
Down-slope shape: Linear
Across-slope shape: Linear
Parent material: Alluvium

Properties and Qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Drainage class: Well drained
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 6.00 in/hr)
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate maximum: 15 percent
Gypsum maximum: 0 percent
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.8 inches)

Interpretive Groups

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

Typical Profile

0 to 6 inches: sandy loam
6 to 28 inches: fine sandy loam
28 to 60 inches: sandy loam

Minor Components

Remmit

Percent of map unit: 11 percent

Olney

Percent of map unit: 4 percent