

Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

4—Ascalon fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,500 to 6,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 17 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 57 degrees F

Frost-free period: 130 to 160 days

Map Unit 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

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 8 inches: neutral, fine sandy loam

H2 - 8 to 22 inches: neutral, sandy clay loam

H3 - 22 to 60 inches: strongly alkaline, sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 6 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):

Moderately high to high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 10 percent

Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 6.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 3e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: Loamy Plains (R067BY002CO)

Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 8 percent

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Percent of map unit: 7 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Northern Part

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