

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

38—Nelson fine sandy loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: 362j

Elevation: 4,800 to 5,050 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 13 to 15 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 57 degrees F

Frost-free period: 145 to 190 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of local importance

Map Unit Composition

Nelson and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Nelson

Setting

Landform: Plains

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: fine sandy loam

H2 - 9 to 30 inches: fine sandy loam

H3 - 30 to 34 inches: weathered bedrock

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 9 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to paralithic bedrock

Natural drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Medium

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

Moderately low to high (0.06 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 to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water storage in profile: Low (about 3.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Minor Components

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Percent of map unit: 10 percent

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Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

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