

# Custom Soil Resource Report Soil Map



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## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)

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### Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

### Special Point Features

 Blowout

 Borrow Pit

 Clay Spot

 Closed Depression

 Gravel Pit

 Gravelly Spot

 Landfill

 Lava Flow

 Marsh or swamp

 Mine or Quarry

 Miscellaneous Water

 Perennial Water

 Rock Outcrop

 Saline Spot

 Sandy Spot

 Severely Eroded Spot

 Sinkhole

 Slide or Slip

 Sodic Spot

 Spoil Area

 Stony Spot

 Very Stony Spot

 Wet Spot

 Other

 Special Line Features

### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

 Rails

 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL:  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part  
Survey Area Data: Version 23, Aug 29, 2024

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Jun 8, 2021—Jun 12, 2021

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
14	Colby loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	3.6	14.9%
15	Colby loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	20.6	85.0%
17	Colby loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes	0.0	0.1%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>24.3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or

landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

## Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

### 14—Colby loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* 361p  
*Elevation:* 4,850 to 5,050 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 16 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 48 to 50 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 135 to 155 days  
*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated

#### Map Unit Composition

*Colby and similar soils:* 85 percent  
*Minor components:* 15 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Colby

##### Setting

*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Calcareous eolian deposits

##### Typical profile

*H1 - 0 to 7 inches:* loam  
*H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* silt loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 1 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* Low  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high  
(0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 15 percent  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* High (about 10.6 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3e  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4c  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B  
*Ecological site:* R067BY002CO - Loamy Plains  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

#### Minor Components

##### Wiley

*Percent of map unit:* 6 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

##### Keith

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

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*Percent of map unit:* 4 percent

*Hydric soil rating:* No

**15—Colby loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes**

**Map Unit Setting**

*National map unit symbol:* 361q

*Elevation:* 4,850 to 5,050 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 16 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 48 to 50 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 135 to 155 days

*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated

**Map Unit Composition**

*Colby and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

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

**Description of Colby**

**Setting**

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Calcareous eolian deposits

**Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 7 inches:* loam

*H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* silt loam

**Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 1 to 3 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Low

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high  
(0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* None

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 15 percent

*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* High (about 10.6 inches)

**Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3e

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B

*Ecological site:* R067BY002CO - Loamy Plains

*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Minor Components**

**Wiley**

*Percent of map unit:* 9 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

**Keith**

*Percent of map unit:* 6 percent  
*Hydric soil rating:* No

**17—Colby loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes**

**Map Unit Setting**

*National map unit symbol:* 361s  
*Elevation:* 4,850 to 5,050 feet  
*Mean annual precipitation:* 12 to 16 inches  
*Mean annual air temperature:* 48 to 50 degrees F  
*Frost-free period:* 135 to 155 days  
*Farmland classification:* Not prime farmland

**Map Unit Composition**

*Colby and similar soils:* 90 percent  
*Minor components:* 10 percent  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

**Description of Colby**

**Setting**

*Landform:* Ridges, hills  
*Down-slope shape:* Linear  
*Across-slope shape:* Linear  
*Parent material:* Calcareous eolian deposits

**Typical profile**

*H1 - 0 to 7 inches:* loam  
*H2 - 7 to 60 inches:* silt loam

**Properties and qualities**

*Slope:* 5 to 9 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches  
*Drainage class:* Well drained  
*Runoff class:* Medium  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high  
(0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* None  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum content:* 15 percent  
*Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches:* High (about 10.6 inches)

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### **Interpretive groups**

*Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e*

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e*

*Hydrologic Soil Group: B*

*Ecological site: R067BY008CO - Loamy Slopes*

*Hydric soil rating: No*

### **Minor Components**

#### **Wiley**

*Percent of map unit: 10 percent*

*Hydric soil rating: No*



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