

Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

48—Olney fine sandy loam, 3 to 5 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

Elevation: 4,600 to 5,200 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 11 to 15 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F

Frost-free period: 125 to 175 days

Map Unit Composition

Olney and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

Description of Olney

Setting

Landform: Plains

Down-slope shape: Linear

Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Mixed deposit outwash

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 10 inches: neutral, fine sandy loam

H2 - 10 to 20 inches: neutral, sandy clay loam

H3 - 20 to 25 inches: moderately alkaline, sandy clay loam

H4 - 25 to 60 inches: strongly alkaline, fine sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 5 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 (0.57 to 2.00 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 15 percent

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

Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 7.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4c

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: Sandy Plains (R067BY024CO)

Minor Components

Zigweid

Percent of map unit: 9 percent

Vona

Percent of map unit: 6 percent

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Weld County, Colorado, Southern Part

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