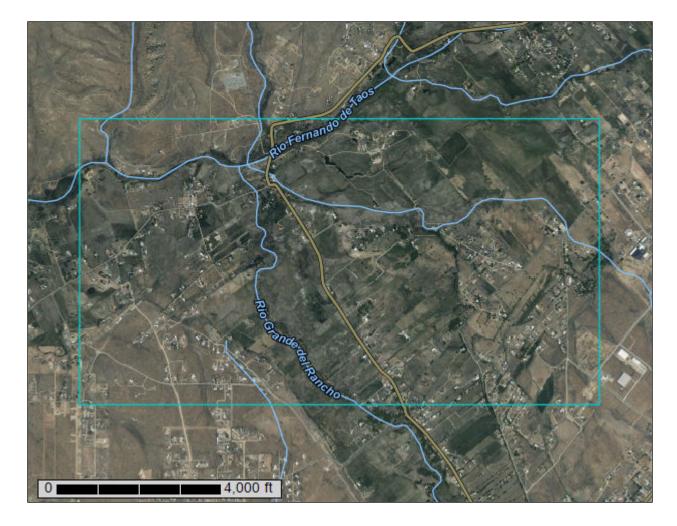


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Preface

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/? cid=nrcs142p2_053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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How Soil Surveys Are Made

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

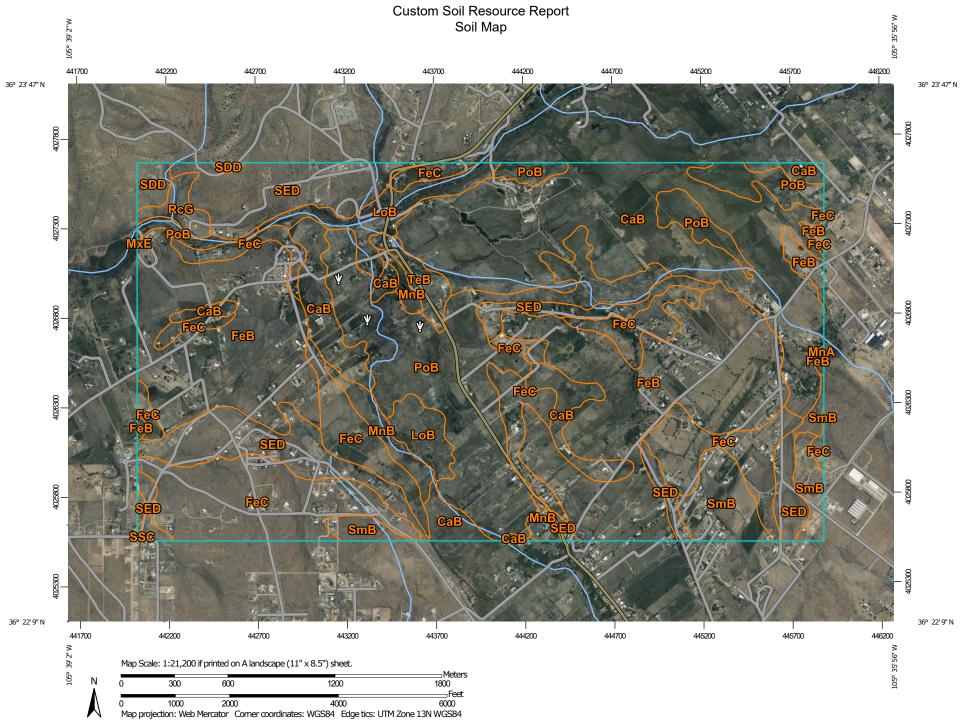
Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



MAP LEGEND		MAP INFORMATION	
Area of Interest (AOI) Area of Interest (AOI)	Spoil AreaStony Spot	The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.	
Soils Soil Map Unit Polygons Soil Map Unit Lines	๗ Very Stony Spot☆ Wet Spot	Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.	
Soil Map Unit Points	 △ Other ✓ Special Line Features 	Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)	
Blowout Borrow Pit	Water Features Streams and Canals Transportation	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	
Closed Depression Gravel Pit	 Rails Interstate Highways US Routes 	Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.	
Gravelly Spot	Major Roads	This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.	
▲ Lava Flow	Background Aerial Photography	Soil Survey Area: Taos County and Parts of Rio Arriba and Mora Counties, New Mexico Survey Area Data: Version 15, Jun 11, 2020	
Mine or QuarryMiscellaneous Water		Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.	
Perennial WaterRock Outcrop		Date(s) aerial images were photographed: May 17, 2020—May 20, 2020	
Saline Spot		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	
 Severely Eroded Spot Sinkhole 		shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.	
 Slide or Slip Sodic Spot 			

Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
СаВ	Caruso variant silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	430.5	21.3%	
FeB	Fernando clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	496.3	24.6%	
FeC	Fernando clay loam, 3 to 5 percent slopes	334.1	16.5%	
LoB	Loveland clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	69.1	3.4%	
MnA	Manzano clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0.4	0.0%	
MnB	Manzano clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	34.2	1.7%	
MxE	Montecito-Rock outcrop complex, moderately steep	0.2	0.0%	
РоВ	Poganeab silty clay loam, nearly level	302.2	15.0%	
RcG	Rock outcrop, very steep	16.3	0.8%	
SDD	Sedillo-Orthents association, strongly sloping	12.7	0.6%	
SED	Sedillo-Silva association, strongly sloping	229.5	11.4%	
SmB	Silva loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	73.2	3.6%	
SSC	Silva-Sedillo association, gently sloping	0.7	0.0%	
ТеВ	Tenorio loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	19.2	1.0%	
TeC	Tenorio loam, 1 to 5 percent slopes	1.7	0.1%	
Totals for Area of Interest		2,020.2	100.0%	

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.

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CaB—Caruso variant silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1dw Elevation: 6,500 to 8,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 135 days Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Caruso variant and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 2 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Caruso Variant

Setting

Landform: Channels, stream terraces Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, dip Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 14 inches: silty clay loam H2 - 14 to 36 inches: clay loam

H3 - 36 to 60 inches: stratified very fine sandy loam to clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Somewhat poorly drained
Runoff class: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 24 to 72 inches
Frequency of flooding: OccasionalNone
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 7 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 1.0
Available water capacity: High (about 11.5 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4w Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Poganeab

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Stream terraces Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Yes

Loveland

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Stream terraces Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Yes

Manzano

Percent of map unit: Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

Tenorio

Percent of map unit: Ecological site: R051XA001NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

FeB—Fernando clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1f6 Elevation: 6,500 to 7,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 135 days Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Fernando and similar soils: 75 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Fernando

Setting

Landform: Mountain valleys, alluvial fans Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 6 inches: clay loam

- H2 6 to 29 inches: silty clay loam
- H3 29 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: Medium
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 35 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: High (about 11.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

FeC—Fernando clay loam, 3 to 5 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1f7 Elevation: 6,500 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 135 days Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Fernando and similar soils: 85 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Fernando

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 7 inches: clay loam

- H2 7 to 25 inches: silty clay loam
- H3 25 to 60 inches: silt loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 3 to 5 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 (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 30 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: High (about 11.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Silva

Percent of map unit: Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

Hernandez

Percent of map unit: Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

LoB—Loveland clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1fl Elevation: 6,500 to 7,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 110 to 135 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Loveland and similar soils: 85 percent Minor components: 1 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Loveland

Setting

Landform: Alluvial flats Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: clay loam H2 - 9 to 21 inches: sandy clay loam H3 - 21 to 60 inches: very gravelly sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: About 6 to 18 inches
Frequency of flooding: NoneFrequent
Frequency of ponding: None
Maximum salinity: Very slightly saline to slightly saline (2.0 to 4.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water capacity: Low (about 5.9 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 5w Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Inclusion

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Depressions Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Yes

Caruso variant

Percent of map unit: Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: No

Manzano

Percent of map unit: Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

MnA—Manzano clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1fz Elevation: 6,500 to 7,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 135 days Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Manzano and similar soils: 85 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Manzano

Setting

Landform: Arroyos, valley floors Landform position (three-dimensional): Dip Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 11 inches: clay loam H2 - 11 to 60 inches: clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 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 (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: NoneRare
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 7 percent
Gypsum, maximum content: 1 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: High (about 11.5 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2c Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6c Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

MnB-Manzano clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1g0 Elevation: 6,500 to 7,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 135 days Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Manzano and similar soils: 85 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Manzano

Setting

Landform: Valley floors, arroyos Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf, dip Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 10 inches: clay loam H2 - 10 to 60 inches: clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 1 to 3 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 (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: NoneRare
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 7 percent
Gypsum, maximum content: 2 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: High (about 11.5 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

MxE—Montecito-Rock outcrop complex, moderately steep

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1g7 Elevation: 6,500 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 49 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 125 to 135 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Montecito and similar soils: 50 percent Rock outcrop: 25 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Montecito

Setting

Landform: Alluvial fans, lava plains Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, rise Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex Parent material: Alluvium derived from basalt

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 5 inches: loam
H2 - 5 to 35 inches: clay loam
H3 - 35 to 60 inches: gravelly clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 9 to 30 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 25 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 8.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: F036XA001NM - Pinyon Upland (Formerly South Of Gallup 13-16) Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Rock Outcrop

Typical profile

R - 0 to 60 inches: bedrock

Properties and qualities

Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to lithic bedrock Runoff class: Very high Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8 Hydric soil rating: Unranked

PoB—Poganeab silty clay loam, nearly level

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1gx Elevation: 6,500 to 7,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 48 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 135 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

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

Description of Poganeab

Setting

Landform: Stream terraces, valley floors Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 17 inches: silty clay loam *H2 - 17 to 50 inches:* silty clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 1 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Poorly drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)

Depth to water table: About 6 to 18 inches Frequency of flooding: RareNone Frequency of ponding: None Maximum salinity: Slightly saline to strongly saline (4.0 to 16.0 mmhos/cm) Available water capacity: Moderate (about 7.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 5w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 5w Hydrologic Soil Group: C/D Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Yes

Minor Components

Caruso variant

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Unranked

Loveland

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Alluvial flats Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Ecological site: R036XB008NM - Meadow Hydric soil rating: Yes

RcG—Rock outcrop, very steep

Map Unit Composition

Rock outcrop: 100 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Rock Outcrop

Setting

Landform: Escarpments Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Concave

Typical profile

R - 0 to 60 inches: bedrock

Properties and qualities

Depth to restrictive feature: 0 inches to lithic bedrock Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 8

Ecological site: R036XB001NM - Breaks *Hydric soil rating:* Unranked

SDD—Sedillo-Orthents association, strongly sloping

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1hc Elevation: 6,400 to 8,500 feet Mean annual precipitation: 9 to 16 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 110 to 140 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Sedillo and similar soils: 45 percent Orthents and similar soils: 35 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Sedillo

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, ridges Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, dip Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex Parent material: Slope alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: gravelly loam
H2 - 3 to 11 inches: very cobbly loam
H3 - 11 to 60 inches: very cobbly sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 9 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: High
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high (0.71 to 2.13 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 3 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.6 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6s Hydrologic Soil Group: B Ecological site: R036XA004NM - Gravelly Slopes Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Orthents

Setting

Landform: Ridges, drainageways Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope, dip Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex Parent material: Slope alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 10 inches: very gravelly loam *H2 - 10 to 60 inches:* very gravelly clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 30 to 45 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: Very high
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.07 to 0.21 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 2 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 20.0
Available water capacity: Moderate (about 6.1 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R051XA006NM - Breaks Hydric soil rating: No

SED—Sedillo-Silva association, strongly sloping

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1hd Elevation: 6,500 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 11 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 125 to 135 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Sedillo and similar soils: 55 percent Silva and similar soils: 25 percent Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Sedillo

Setting

Landform: Ridges Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: very gravelly loam H2 - 3 to 11 inches: very gravelly clay loam H3 - 11 to 60 inches: very cobbly sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 10 to 25 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: High
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 3 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 1.0
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.5 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6s Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XA004NM - Gravelly Slopes Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Silva

Setting

Landform: Ridges Landform position (three-dimensional): Crest Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock and/or eolian deposits derived from sandstone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: loam H2 - 3 to 29 inches: clay loam H3 - 29 to 60 inches: clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 8 percent Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr) Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0 Available water capacity: High (about 10.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

SmB—Silva loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1hn Elevation: 6,500 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 49 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 125 to 135 days Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Silva and similar soils: 85 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Silva

Setting

Landform: Ridges, alluvial fans Landform position (three-dimensional): Crest, rise Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock and/or eolian deposits derived from sandstone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 5 inches: loam *H2 - 5 to 30 inches:* clay loam

H3 - 30 to 60 inches: clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 2 percent Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr) Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 3 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0 Available water capacity: High (about 10.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

SSC—Silva-Sedillo association, gently sloping

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1hf Elevation: 6,500 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 11 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 54 degrees F Frost-free period: 125 to 135 days Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Silva and similar soils: 65 percent *Sedillo and similar soils:* 20 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Silva

Setting

Landform: Ridges, divides Landform position (three-dimensional): Crest Down-slope shape: Convex, linear Across-slope shape: Convex, linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock and/or eolian deposits derived from sandstone and shale

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: loam *H2 - 3 to 31 inches:* clay loam *H3 - 31 to 60 inches:* clay loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 1 to 5 percent Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr) Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0 Available water capacity: High (about 10.7 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XB006NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

Description of Sedillo

Setting

Landform: Divides Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: gravelly loam
H2 - 3 to 11 inches: very gravelly clay loam
H3 - 11 to 60 inches: very gravelly sandy loam

Properties and qualities

Slope: 5 to 15 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
Drainage class: Well drained
Runoff class: High
Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20 to 0.60 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 3 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.8 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6s Hydrologic Soil Group: C Ecological site: R036XA004NM - Gravelly Slopes Hydric soil rating: No

TeB—Tenorio loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1ht Elevation: 7,000 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 130 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Tenorio and similar soils: 90 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Tenorio

Setting

Landform: Valley sides Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 3 inches: loam H2 - 3 to 13 inches: loam H3 - 13 to 60 inches: extremely gravelly loamy sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 3 percent
Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches
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 content: 3 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.0 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6c Hydrologic Soil Group: B Ecological site: R051XA001NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

TeC—Tenorio loam, 1 to 5 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: k1hv Elevation: 7,000 to 8,000 feet Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 14 inches Mean annual air temperature: 46 to 52 degrees F Frost-free period: 115 to 130 days Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

Map Unit Composition

Tenorio and similar soils: 80 percent *Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

Description of Tenorio

Setting

Landform: Valley sides Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Parent material: Alluvium derived from igneous and metamorphic rock

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 5 inches: loam H2 - 5 to 17 inches: loam H3 - 17 to 60 inches: very gravelly sand

Properties and qualities

Slope: 1 to 5 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 (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)
Depth to water table: More than 80 inches
Frequency of flooding: None
Frequency of ponding: None
Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 3 percent
Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)
Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum: 2.0
Available water capacity: Low (about 4.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6c Hydrologic Soil Group: B Ecological site: R051XA001NM - Loamy Hydric soil rating: No

Soil Information for All Uses

Soil Properties and Qualities

The Soil Properties and Qualities section includes various soil properties and qualities displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each property or quality.

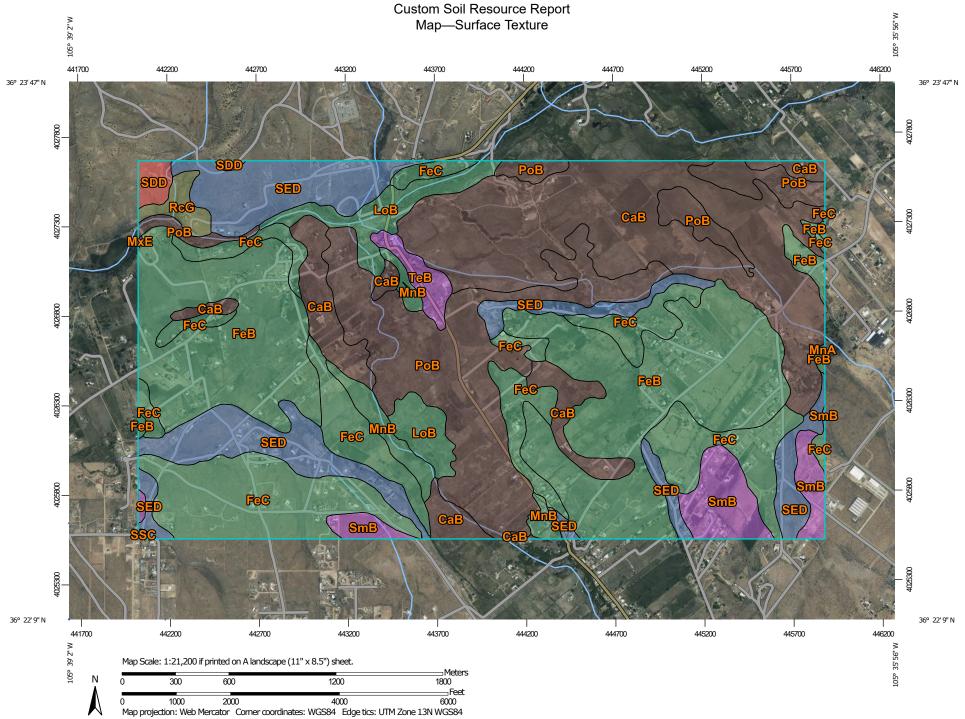
Soil Physical Properties

Soil Physical Properties are measured or inferred from direct observations in the field or laboratory. Examples of soil physical properties include percent clay, organic matter, saturated hydraulic conductivity, available water capacity, and bulk density.

Surface Texture

This displays the representative texture class and modifier of the surface horizon.

Texture is given in the standard terms used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These terms are defined according to percentages of sand, silt, and clay in the fraction of the soil that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. "Loam," for example, is soil that is 7 to 27 percent clay, 28 to 50 percent silt, and less than 52 percent sand. If the content of particles coarser than sand is 15 percent or more, an appropriate modifier is added, for example, "gravelly."



MAP LEGEND			MAP INFORMATION	
Area of Interest (AOI) Area of Interes	st (AOI) Water Feat	Not rated or not available	The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.	
Soils Soil Rating Polygons	Transporta	Streams and Canals	Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.	
Bedrock Clay loam Gravelly loam		Rails Interstate Highways US Routes	Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey URL: Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)	
Loam Silty clay loam	~	Major Roads Local Roads	Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercato projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as th	
Very gravelly lo	Backgroun	d Aerial Photography	Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.	
Soil Rating Lines			This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data of the version date(s) listed below.	
🧩 Clay loam 🛹 Gravelly loam			Soil Survey Area: Taos County and Parts of Rio Arriba and M Counties, New Mexico	
🧼 Loam 🛹 Silty clay loam			Survey Area Data: Version 15, Jun 11, 2020 Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales	
Very gravelly loNot rated or no			1:50,000 or larger. Date(s) aerial images were photographed: May 17, 2020—Ma	
Soil Rating Points Bedrock			20, 2020	
Clay loam Gravelly loam			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	
Loam			shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.	
Silty clay loam				

Table—Surface Texture

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
СаВ	Caruso variant silty clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Silty clay loam	430.5	21.3%
FeB	Fernando clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	Clay loam	496.3	24.6%
FeC	Fernando clay loam, 3 to 5 percent slopes	Clay loam	334.1	16.5%
LoB	Loveland clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Clay loam	69.1	3.4%
MnA	Manzano clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	Clay loam	0.4	0.0%
MnB	Manzano clay loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes	Clay loam	34.2	1.7%
MxE	Montecito-Rock outcrop complex, moderately steep	Loam	0.2	0.0%
РоВ	Poganeab silty clay loam, nearly level	Silty clay loam	302.2	15.0%
RcG	Rock outcrop, very steep	Bedrock	16.3	0.8%
SDD	Sedillo-Orthents association, strongly sloping	Gravelly loam	12.7	0.6%
SED	Sedillo-Silva association, strongly sloping	Very gravelly loam	229.5	11.4%
SmB	Silva loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Loam	73.2	3.6%
SSC	Silva-Sedillo association, gently sloping	Loam	0.7	0.0%
ТеВ	Tenorio loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Loam	19.2	1.0%
TeC	Tenorio loam, 1 to 5 percent slopes	Loam	1.7	0.1%
Totals for Area of Interest			2,020.2	100.0%

Rating Options—Surface Texture

Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified Tie-break Rule: Lower Layer Options (Horizon Aggregation Method): Surface Layer (Not applicable)

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