Project Name: Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley

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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: G.M. Roberts Locality: H. and C. Freer, Greenbah

Date Desc.: Elevation: 30/07/85 195 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6668500 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 749800 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

**Geology** 

ExposureType: Undisturbed soil core Conf. Sub. is Parent. Mat.: No Data Geol. Ref.: No Data Substrate Material: No Data

**Land Form** 

Rel/Slope Class:No DataPattern Type:No DataMorph. Type:No DataRelief:No DataElem. Type:Terrace plainSlope Category:LevelSlope:0 %Aspect:No Data

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Self-mulching, Recently cultivated

**Erosion:** 

**Soil Classification** 

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A
N/A Principal Profile Form: Ug5.15
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: Black earth

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Irrigated, past or present

**Vegetation:** 

**Surface Coarse Fragments:** 

**Profile Morphology** 

A11p 0 - 0.1 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Dry); ; Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Subangular blocky; Weak grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm)

macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 8.3 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-

1mm) roots; Sharp, Smooth change to -

A12 0.1 - 0.25 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Prominent; Medium clay;

Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.3 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A13 0.25 - 0.55 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Prominent; Heavy clay;

Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A14 0.55 - 1 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Prominent; Medium heavy clay;

Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change to -

B21k 1 - 1.9 m Brown (7.5YR4/4-Moist); , 10YR82, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Prominent; , 10YR42, 2-10% , 15-30mm,

Faint; Medium clay; Massive grade of structure; Weak grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Few (2 - 10 %), Calcareous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Nodules; Very few (0 - 2 %), Gypseous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Crystals; Field pH 8.7 (pH

meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

B22k 1.9 - 3.01 m Greyish brown (10YR5/2-Moist); , 5YR56, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Prominent; , 10YR83, 2-10% , 5-

15mm, Prominent; Medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Lenticular; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Few (2 - 10 %), Ferruginous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Veins; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2

-6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter);

**Morphological Notes** 

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Increase in ferruginous mottles from 200-300cm. Tensile 250-260 too disturbed.

## **Observation Notes**

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, clay, parna on fourth fan

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## **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	pН	1:5 EC		Exchangeable Cations		Exchangeable		CEC	;	ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg K	K	Na Cmol (+	Acidity ·)/kg				%
0 - 0.02	8.31A	0.101A	26.04B	11.33	2.25	1.34					
0 - 0.1	8.31A	0.117A	24.34B	12.33	1.71	1.64					
0.1 - 0.2	8.46A	0.103A	25.3B	11.7	1.42	1.99					
0.3 - 0.4	8.82A	0.122A	24.74B	12.5	0.75	3.46					
0.7 - 0.8	7.86A	1.32A	25.43B	10.71	0.85	5.34					
1.2 - 1.3	8.52A	0.888A	22.48B	13.64	0.93999 99	8.77					
2.5 - 2.6	8.63A	0.616A	24.05B	13.93	1.21	11.93					
Depth	CaCO3	Organic C %	Avail. P	Tota P %	I Total N %	Total K %	Density	P GV	article CS	Size FS %	Analysis Silt Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%	
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	0.86C									18.7 60.9
0 - 0.1	0.1B	0.86C	57.2J								18.2 56.1
0.1 - 0.2	0.1B	0.64C	41.5J								18.3 56.9
0.3 - 0.4	0.2B	0.51C	24.3J								19.4 56
0.7 - 0.8	0.1B	0.47C	23.9J								18.1 54.7
1.2 - 1.3	1.6B	0.22C	18.2J								17.9 55.6
2.5 - 2.6	0.3B	0.13C	10.5J								14.6 68.8
Depth	COLE										K unsat
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar (	0.5 Bar g/g - m3/m	1 Bar 3	5 Bar 1	5 Bar	mm	/h	mm/h

<sup>0 - 0.02</sup> 

<sup>0 - 0.1</sup> 0.1 - 0.2

<sup>0.1 - 0.2</sup> 0.3 - 0.4 0.7 - 0.8 1.2 - 1.3 2.5 - 2.6

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## **Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

15A2\_CA Exchangeable bases (Ca2+,Mg2+,Na+,K+) - 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for

soluble salts

15A2\_K Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 15A2\_MG Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 15A2\_NA Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts

19B1 Carbonates - manometric 3A1 EC of 1:5 soil/water extract 4A1 pH of 1:5 soil/water suspension

5A2 Chloride - 1:5 soil/water extract, automated colour

6B3 Total organic carbon - high frequency induction furnace, infrared

7B1 Water soluble nitrate - automated colour

9B1 Bicarbonate-extractable phosphorus - manual colour

P10\_CF\_C Clay (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method