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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: M.E. Heape Locality: R.G.(Rick) Freeman, Ventura

Date Desc.: Elevation: 19/02/86 216 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6667900 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 760900 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

<u>Geology</u>

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

Land Form

Rel/Slope Class:No DataPattern Type:No DataMorph. Type:No DataRelief:No Data

Elem. Type: Terrace plain Slope Category: Very gently sloped

Slope: 0 % Aspect: No Data

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

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification:Mapping Unit:N/AN/APrincipal Profile Form:Ug5.16ASC Confidence:Great Soil Group:Grey clay

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

Profile Morphology

A11p 0 - 0.05 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); Very dark brown (10YR2/2-Dry); ; Light clay; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -

A12 0.05 - 0.1 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR41, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Light clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per

100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH

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

A13 0.1 - 0.25 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR41, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per

100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH

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

A14 0.25 - 0.65 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR41, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; , 10YR72, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %),

Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Diffuse, Smooth change to -

B21 0.65 - 1 m Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); , 10YR31, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR72, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Distinct; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular 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, Medium (2 -6 mm),

Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

B22 1 - 2.32 m Dark reddish grey (5YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR31, 10-20% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 5YR72, 0-2% , 0-

5mm, Distinct; Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 0.01m2) Coarse (>5mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -

B23 2.32 - 2.82 m Dark reddish grey (5YR4/2-Moist); , 2.5YR66, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 5YR81, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Distinct; Heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Lenticular; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very few (0 - 2 %),

Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

Morphological Notes

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Notice small lime nodules at 30-40. Lithological contact, fine gravel and sand at 232.

Surface granular structure is seedbed.

Observation Notes

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, mixed texture, with lime, parna on fourth fan

Old airstrip. Rick Freeman "Ventura", Edgeroi 2391, requests a copy of the results. He grows canary seeds. Hole is 200m south of the target. 300m south there is a small area with a lighter brown surface.

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		hangeak Mg	ole Cations K	Na	Exchangeable Acidity	e CEC		ECEC		ESP
m		dS/m		9	••	Cmol (-						%
0 - 0.02	7.77A	0.062A	16.13B	8.25	1.36	1.37						
0 - 0.05	6.89A	0.139A	_	11.05	1.34	1.03						
0.05 - 0.1	7.32A	0.111A	17.06B	9.04	0.83	1.61						
0.1 - 0.2	7.64A	0.107A	17.03B	11.84	0.58	2.48						
0.3 - 0.4	9.01A	0.272A		15.41	0.35	3.74						
0.7 - 0.8	8.46A	0.957A	20.03B	18.05	0.71	7.49						
1.2 - 1.3	8.88A	0.649A	21.65B	18.71	0.93	8.69000						
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2.5 - 2.6	8.53A	0.59A	23.17B	21.14	0.81000	10.12						
					01							
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Tota			al Bulk	P	article	-	Analysis	
		C	Ρ	P	N	K	Density	gV GV	cs	FS	Silt	Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	0.99C									15.6	40.4
0 - 0.05	<0.1B		45.1J								14.9	-
0.05 - 0.1	<0.1B		18J								14.8	-
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B		11.6J								14.8	
0.3 - 0.4	0.5B	0.68C	3.8J								15.1	
0.7 - 0.8	0.6B	0.23C	10.2J								15.9	
1.2 - 1.3	0.4B	0.16C	7.7J								17	55.1
2.5 - 2.6	0.1B	0.07C	1.4J								15.8	
2.0 2.0	0.10	3.0.0	0								.5.0	٥.
Depth	pth COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat										K unsa	t
•		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar	5 Bar	15 Bar				
m					g/g - m3/	m3			mm	/h	mm/h	

0 - 0.02

0 - 0.05 0.05 - 0.1

0.1 - 0.2

0.1 - 0.2 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