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Agency Name: **CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)**

Site Information

Desc. By: M.E. Heape Locality: Bruce Tout, Oakvale

Date Desc.: 04/04/86 Elevation: 287 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6667400 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 777400 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

Geology

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

Land Form

Rel/Slope Class: No Data Pattern Type: No Data Morph. Type: No Data Relief: No Data Elem. Type: Slope Category: Terrace flat Level Aspect: No Data Slope:

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

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification: N/A Mapping Unit: Principal Profile Form: Ua5.16 ASC Confidence: **Great Soil Group:** Grey clay

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

Profile Morphology

0 - 0.05 m Very dark brown (10YR2/2-Moist); Very dark brown (10YR2/2-Dry); , 10YR62, 10-20%, 0-5mm, Distinct: Medium clay: Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular: Weak grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Field pH 8 (pH meter);

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

A12 0.05 - 0.1 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR62, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 7.5YR84, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Faint; Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Rough-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), Soft

segregations; Field pH 8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Very dark brown (10YR2/2-Moist); , 10YR72, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; A13 0.1 - 0.25 m

Smooth-ped fabric; Rough-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 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR72, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, A14 0.25 - 0.55 m

Faint; Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Subangular blocky; Smoothped fabric; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Rigid consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine

(0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A15 0.55 - 0.8 m Dark reddish grey (5YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR31, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-

5mm, Faint; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Lenticular; 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; Strong consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-

1mm) roots; Diffuse, Smooth change to -

B21 0.8 - 1.9 m Dark reddish grey (5YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR31, 10-20% , 15-30mm, Prominent; , 7.5YR54, 0-2% ,

5-15mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Subangular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Cast; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Fine (1-2mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine

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B22 1.9 - 2.8 m Dark reddish grey (5YR4/2-Moist); , N30, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 5YR81, 0-2% , 5-15mm,

Distinct; Medium clay; Weak 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; Strong consistence; Very few

(0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

Morphological Notes

A11 The second colour in layer 1 is fine, pale coloured sand, spread through the clay. There

is some evidence that the cause is infilled cracks, but this has been masked by cultiva

tion. Structure from 5-45cm appears degraded, being almost mass ive from 25-40cm. Beneath this there are slickensides with polished faces (from 50cm).

Observation Notes

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, clay, second terraced fan

Site Notes

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Wheat stubble. Fine self mulching top is covering any cracks that may be there. This is a mostly flat site. Few quartzite pebbles on surface (4cm diameter). The site lies at the foot of a small basaltic rise, and lies between this hill and

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		hangeable			Exchangeable	CEC	ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	K	Na Cmol (-	Acidity +)/kg			%
0 - 0.02	8.28A	0.088A	29.37B	9.01	1.57	0.65				
0 - 0.05	8A	0.083A	25.43B	11.05	1.13	1.06				
0.05 - 0.1	8.18A	0.103A	26.67B	12.08	1.11	1.55				
0.1 - 0.2	8.38A	0.086A	27.07B	13.39	0.53	1.98				
0.3 - 0.4	8.91A	0.2A	27.48B	15.88	0.35	4.69				
0.7 - 0.8	8.96A	0.498A	24.61B	15.38	0.5	7.24				
1.2 - 1.3	8.48A	0.424A	24.97B	17.8	0.47	9.28000				
2.5 - 2.6	8.81A	0.711A	23.83B	15.55	0.84	8.67				
Depth	CaCO3	Organic C	Avail. P	Total P	Tota N	K	Density	Particle GV CS	FS	Analysis Silt Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3		%	
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	1.05C								14 50.2
0 - 0.05	0.1B	1.13C	14.7J							13.5 44
0.05 - 0.1	0.1B	1.08C	9.5J							13.9 46.4
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B	0.94C	3.7J							14.7 48.1
0.3 - 0.4	0.4B	0.63C	<1J							16.5 50.6
0.7 - 0.8	0.6B	<0.01C	4.1J							15.6 51.3
1.2 - 1.3	<0.1B	0.09C	3.2J							16.1 57
2.5 - 2.6	1.4B	0.33C	9.3J							15.9 52.6
Depth	Depth COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat K unsat									
		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar	5 Bar 15 E			
m					g - m3/n			mn	n/h	mm/h

^{0 - 0.02}

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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