

**Project Name:** Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley  
**Project Code:** EDGEROI **Site ID:** ed090 **Observation ID:** 1  
**Agency Name:** CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

#### Site Information

<b>Desc. By:</b> W.T. Ward	<b>Locality:</b> Auscott Ltd, Auscott
<b>Date Desc.:</b> 05/01/87	<b>Elevation:</b> 194 metres
<b>Map Ref.:</b> Sheet No. : 8837_N 1:50000	<b>Rainfall:</b> No Data
<b>Northing/Long.:</b> 6665900 AMG zone: 55	<b>Runoff:</b> No Data
<b>Easting/Lat.:</b> 745700 Datum: AGD66	<b>Drainage:</b> No Data

#### Geology

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

#### Land Form

<b>Rel/Slope Class:</b> No Data	<b>Pattern Type:</b> No Data
<b>Morph. Type:</b> No Data	<b>Relief:</b> No Data
<b>Elem. Type:</b> Terrace plain	<b>Slope Category:</b> Level
<b>Slope:</b> 0 %	<b>Aspect:</b> No Data

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

#### Erosion:

#### Soil Classification

<b>Australian Soil Classification:</b> N/A	<b>Mapping Unit:</b> N/A
<b>ASC Confidence:</b> Confidence level not specified	<b>Principal Profile Form:</b> Ug5.16
	<b>Great Soil Group:</b> Grey clay

**Site Disturbance:** Cultivation. Irrigated, past or present

#### Vegetation:

#### Surface Coarse Fragments:

#### Profile Morphology

A11p	0 - 0.1 m	Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); Dark grey (10YR4/1-Dry); , 10YR32, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Angular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; 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 -
A12	0.1 - 0.25 m	Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); , 10YR63, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 100-200 mm, Prismatic; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) 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;
A13	0.25 - 0.55 m	Dark grey (10YR4/1-Moist); , 10YR53, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR63, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 100-200 mm, Prismatic; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) 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 8.7 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;
A14	0.55 - 1.2 m	Dark grey (10YR4/1-Moist); , 10YR63, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; 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 9 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;
B2	1.2 - 1.9 m	Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); , 10YR41, 10-20% , 0-5mm, Prominent; , 10YR72, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 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 9 (pH meter); Diffuse, Smooth change to -
	1.9 - 2.94 m	Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); , 10YR62, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Prominent; , 10YR42, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Lenticular; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Very firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 9 (pH meter);

#### Morphological Notes

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A11p      Some signs of inwashed sand at 110cm. At 120-130cm the core section appeared to be quite massive. The colour in the 250-260cm section is dull greyish- brown, compared to the colour at 120-130cm. This probably due to gleying. Typical older a  
A12      lluvium in appearance - deep grey top on dull yellow brown clay. Possibly slightly thickened by levelling.

**Observation Notes**

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

**Site Notes**

High terrace. Drill site 75 meters west of target due to water hazard. Drillhole is in cotton mound.

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**Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	pH	1:5 EC	Exchangeable Cations			Exchangeable	CEC	ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	K	Na	Acidity		%
						Cmol (+)/kg			
0 - 0.02	8.57A	0.174A	26.03B	14.43	1.91	1.7			
0 - 0.1	8.37A	0.123A	25.4B	16.12	1.52	1.25			
0.1 - 0.2	8.61A	0.092A	24.59B	16.6	1.51	1.44			
0.3 - 0.4	8.92A	0.158A	22.86B	17.24	1.03	2.26			
0.7 - 0.8	9.11A	0.283A	20.83B	17.49	1.28	5.73			
1.2 - 1.3	8.99A	0.375A	19.9B	17.57	1.33	6.93			
2.5 - 2.6	9.16A	0.405A	18.57B	16.92	1.14	5.79			

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**Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

15A2_CA	Exchangeable bases (Ca <sup>2+</sup> ,Mg <sup>2+</sup> ,Na <sup>+</sup> ,K <sup>+</sup> ) - 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
P10_CF_Z	Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method