Project Name: Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley

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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: W.T. Ward Locality: Auscott Ltd, Auscott

Date Desc.: Elevation: 23/06/86 195 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6665800 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 748500 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 Data
 Pattern Type:
 No Data

 Morph. Type:
 No Data
 Relief:
 No Data

 Elem. Type:
 Terrace flat
 Slope Category:
 Level

 Slope:
 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: Ug5.14
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: Grey clay

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Irrigated, past or present

**Vegetation:** 

**Surface Coarse Fragments:** 

**Profile Morphology** 

A11p 0 - 0.1 m Dark grey (10YR4/1-Moist); Dark grey (10YR4/1-Dry); ; Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Angular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Fine (1-2mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; Field pH 8.7 (pH meter); Few, medium (2-5mm) roots; Diffuse,

Smooth change to -

A12 0.1 - 0.25 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Heavy clay; 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; Very strong consistence; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few,

very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A13 0.25 - 0.55 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Medium heavy clay; Moderate 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, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter); Few,

very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A14 0.55 - 1 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 100-200 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); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots:

A15 1 - 1.3 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR53, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light 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, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous,

Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Diffuse, Smooth change to -

B2 1.3 - 2.61 m Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); ; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular;

Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Very few (0 -

2%), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 9.5 (pH meter);

**Morphological Notes** 

A11p Surface horizon appears massive by cultivation. Core very dry. One small silica coarse

fragment in top, angular. Otherwise coarse sand. Second colour in 120-130 is subsoil

colour. ?MVpH.

**Observation Notes** 

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

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## Site Notes

Height of cotton hills 10cm. Site described after rain. Cores were collected before rain.

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## **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		changeable Cations			Exchangeable	CEC	;	ECEC		ESP
m		dS/m	Ca I	Mg	К	Na Cmol (+)	Acidity )/kg					%
0 - 0.02	8.64A	0.136A	27.47B	18.9	2.17	2.19						
0 - 0.1	8.19A	0.144A	26.07B	21.67	2.55	1.89						
0.1 - 0.2	8.4A	0.111A	25.21B	20.95	2.54	2.7						
0.3 - 0.4	8.75A	0.181A	25.74B	20.77	1.59	5.67						
0.7 - 0.8	8.76A	0.449A	22.75B	21.86	1.7	9.49						
1.2 - 1.3	8.66A	0.91A	21.7B	22.09	1.82	10.15						
2.5 - 2.6	8.95A	0.797A	19.61B	20.72	1.85	10.7						
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Total	Bulk	Р	article	Size	Analysis	;
•		c	Р	Р	N	K	Density	G۷	cs	FS	Silt	Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B											74.7
0 - 0.1	<0.1B	0.7C	49.4J								12.9	
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B		45.8J								11.8	
0.3 - 0.4	<0.1B		15.8J								12.1	68.9
0.7 - 0.8	0.1B	0.47C	44.9J								15.3	_
1.2 - 1.3	0.5B	0.37C	33.8J								_	73.7
2.5 - 2.6	2.3B	0.07C	16.1J								16.7	68.6
Depth	COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents						_	Ks	at	K unsa	t	
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar g/	0.5 Bar /g - m3/m	1 Bar 3	5 Bar 15	Bar	mm	/h	mm/h	

0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1 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