Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley **Project Name:**

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

Site Information

Desc. By: W.T. Ward Locality: Clive Norrie, Mollee

Date Desc.: Elevation: 26/06/85 202 metres Sheet No.: 8837_N 1:50000 Map Ref.: Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6651400 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data Easting/Lat.: 756400 Datum: AGD66 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: Elem. Type: No Data Relief: No Data

Very gently sloped **Slope Category:** Terrace flat Slope: 1 % Aspect: 180 degrees

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Loose, Recently cultivated

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A Principal Profile Form: Ua5.17 **ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group:** Prairie soil

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed, Complete clearing. Pasture, native or improved, cultivated at some stage,

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

	Morphology	
A11p	0 - 0.1 m	Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); Brown (7.5YR4/2-Dry); ; Silty clay; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Weak 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; Firm consistence; Field pH 6.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Wavy change to -
A12	0.1 - 0.2 m	Brown (7.5YR4/2-Moist); , 5YR66, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light 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; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded, Clay, coarse fragments; Field pH 7 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -
2A11	0.2 - 0.55 m	Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Polyhedral; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 7.8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;
2A12	0.55 - 1 m	Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Polyhedral; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;
2A13	1 - 1.35 m	Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR54, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; 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; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Gradual, Smooth change to -
2B2	1.35 - 2.1 m	Brown (10YR4/3-Moist); , 10YR41, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Fine sandy light clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; 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: Field pH 8.5 (pH meter): Few yeary fine (0-

macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-

1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change to -

2C 2.1 - 2.99 m Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); , 10YR41, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; Weak 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; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Abrupt, Smooth change to -

Morphological Notes

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A11p Cultivated top included in 199.01. 10-20 has ?baked clay fragments (compare site 179)

of colour two . Some fragments of charcoal at 18cm. 0-20 is young brown recent flood deposit. A prominent stained buried topsoil at 260, with moderate pol

yhedral structure and heavy organic carbon stain at 260. Although no carbonate is A12 visible we obtain effervescence with HCl at 110-140, but not elsewhere. Alluvial soil

Observation Notes

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, mixed texture, non-calcareous, clay floodplain, Namoi

Site Notes

This soil has hard clods and could be hard setting. The site is an old infilled lagoon or back swamp. A prominent sand layer, 800mm thick, occurs at 140cm.

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		changeable			Exchangeable	CEC		ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	K	Na Cmol (+	Acidity +)/kg				%
0 - 0.02	6.8A	0.074A	11.96B	7.2	1.7	0.15					
0 - 0.1	6.59A	0.098A	11.47B	8.12	1.44	0.08					
0.1 - 0.2	6.8A	0.066A	13.79B	7.1	0.83	0.12					
0.3 - 0.4	7.64A	0.052A	23.88B	9.21	0.61	0.39					
0.7 - 0.8	8.21A	0.056A	24.12B	10.77	0.55	0.65					
1.2 - 1.3	8.47A	0.109A	20.99B	9.530001	0.54	0.72					
1.7 - 1.8	8.27A	0.042A	10.54B	6.06	0.36	0.49					
2.5 - 2.6	8.16A	0.044A	18.6B	9.82	0.38	0.78					
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Tota	l Bulk	Pa	rticle	Size	Analysis
		С	Р	P	N	K	Density	G۷	cs	FS	Silt Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%	
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0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1	<0.1B <0.1B		105.0								24.1 36 22.4 34.8
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B		105.9. 75.6J								20.7 34.5
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B		63.6J								23.2 46.9
0.3 - 0.4	<0.1B		66.9J								25.4 48.3
1.2 - 1.3	0.4B	0.49C	65.9J								20.9 39.2
1.7 - 1.8	<0.4B		58.8J								11 25
2.5 - 2.6	<0.1B		57.8J								20 34.7
2.5 - 2.0	₹0.1 D	0.30	37.03								20 34.7
Depth	th COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat									ıt	K unsat
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar g/	0.5 Bar /g - m3/m	1 Bar 3	5 Bar 15	5 Bar	mm/	'h	mm/h

0 - 0.02

0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1 0.1 - 0.2 0.3 - 0.4 0.7 - 0.8 1.2 - 1.3 1.7 - 1.8 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