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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: W.T. Ward Locality: J.Amos/R.Simpson, Woodville

Date Desc.: Elevation: 07/10/87 296 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6660350 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 781290 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

**Geology** 

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: Hillslope Slope Category: Very gently sloped Slope: 2 % Aspect: 180 degrees

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Self-mulching

**Erosion:** 

**Soil Classification** 

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A
N/A Principal Profile Form: Ug5.15
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: Brown clay

Confidence level not specified

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

**Vegetation:** 

## **Surface Coarse Fragments:**

<u>Profile</u>	Morp	<u>hology</u>
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A11 0 - 0.1 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/2-Moist); Dark reddish brown (5YR3/3-Dry); ; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 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; Field pH 6 (pH meter); Few, very fine

(0-1mm) roots;

A12 0.1 - 0.25 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/2-Moist); ; Medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 50-100 mm,

Subangular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; 0-2%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subrounded,

Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH 7 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A13 0.25 - 0.55 m Dark reddish brown (5YR3/3-Moist); , 5YR32, 10-20% , 15-30mm, Faint; 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; Strong consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Soft segregations; Field pH

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

A14 0.55 - 0.9 m Reddish brown (5YR4/3-Moist); , 5YR32, 10-20% , 15-30mm, Faint; Light medium clay;

Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 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, Medium (2 -6 mm), Soft segregations; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-

1mm) roots; Diffuse, Smooth change to -

B2 0.9 - 2 m Yellowish red (5YR4/6-Moist); ; Light medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 100-200 mm,

Prismatic; Moderate grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Lenticular; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subangular, Ironstone, coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2%), Calcareous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Soft segregations; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Few,

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

C1 2 - 3 m Pale yellow (2.5Y7/4-Moist); , 5YR46, 20-50% , 15-30mm, Prominent; Light clay; Massive grade of structure; Weak grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Cast; Smooth-ped fabric; Few (<1 per 100mm2)

of structure; Weak grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Cast; Smooth-ped fabric; Few (<1 per 100mm2; Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 8.8 (pH

meter);

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C2 3 - 3.54 m Light grey (2.5Y7/2-Moist); , 10YR56, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light clay; Massive grade of

structure; Weak grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Cast; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm)

macropores, Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter);

#### **Morphological Notes**

In 35101 the granular structure is mostly in the top 2cm. Note layer of stone (?a

stoneline) at 50cm. Is this a stratigraphic break? Other small stones are scattered through the top 90cm, several are dense black ironstones. Pieces of Garawi

A12 Ila Volcanics appear at 175. Very prominent faunal activity in parent material. The quartz

and other rock pebbles above 90cm show that the soil includes some pedisediment.

#### **Observation Notes**

Parent Rock: residual, from basalt, with colluvium from sandstone, non-calcareous Purlawaugh Formation

### **Site Notes**

Sites 347-352 are spaced at 2m intervals; 353 is 90m from 352. 351 is in the hollow mid-way between two puffs.

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## **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	pH	1:5 EC	Exc	hangeable	Cations		Exchangeable	e CEC	ECEC	ESP
m	•			Mg	K	Na Cmol (-	Acidity			%
•••		do/iii				Cilio (	T//Kg			70
0 - 0.1	6.71A	0.097A	14.67B	13.07	0.85	0.64				
0.1 - 0.2	7.63A	0.067A	20.15B	18.46	0.42	2.06				
0.3 - 0.4	8.92A		18.59B	27.88	0.41	5.17				
0.7 - 0.8	8.91A		10.67B	29.94	0.36	10.79				
1.2 - 1.3	9.02A	0.83A	8.68B	30.49	0.24	10.83				
2.5 - 2.6	8.75A	1.009A	7.9B	36.86	0.18	15.96				
3.4 - 3.5	8.74A	0.955A	5.36B	35.99	0.12	16.36				
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail. P	Total P	Total	Tota K				Analysis
m	%	C %	mg/kg	%	N %	%	Density Mg/m3	GV C	S FS %	Silt Clay
0 - 0.1	<0.1B	2.47C	15J							
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B	1.75C	4.3J							
0.3 - 0.4	1.9B	1.14C	<1J							
0.7 - 0.8	2.3B	0.9C	<1J							
1.2 - 1.3	10.2B	0.18C	<1J							
2.5 - 2.6	10B	0.45C	4.8J							
3.4 - 3.5	7.5B	0.48C	2.1J							
Depth	COLE		Grav	imetric/Vo	olumetric \	Nater Co	ntents	ļ	K sat	K unsat
		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar	5 Bar	15 Bar	_	
m				g/	g - m3/m	3		r	nm/h	mm/h
0 - 0.1										
0.1 - 0.2										
0.3 - 0.4										
0.7 - 0.8										
1.2 - 1.3										
2.5 - 2.6										
3.4 - 3.5										

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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 15A2\_MG Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 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 EC of 1:5 soil/water extract 3A1 4A1 pH of 1:5 soil/water suspension

5A2 Chloride - 1:5 soil/water extract, automated colour

Total organic carbon - high frequency induction furnace, infrared Water soluble nitrate - automated colour 6B3

7B1

9B1 Bicarbonate-extractable phosphorus - manual colour