Project Name: Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley

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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: D. McGarry Locality: University of Sydney, I.A.Watson Research Farm

Date Desc.: 26/02/88 Elevation: 236 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 S 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6648020 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 771080 Datum: AGD66 No Data Easting/Lat.: Drainage:

<u>Geology</u>

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 plain Slope Category: Level Slope: 0 % Aspect: No Data

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Surface crust, Recently cultivated

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A N/A Principal Profile Form: N/A ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: N/A

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

Profile Morphology

A11 0 - 0.1 m Brown (10YR5/3-Moist); Brown (10YR5/3-Dry); ; Clayey sand; Massive grade of structure; Earthy fabric; Smooth-ped fabric; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 6 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A12 0.1 - 0.17 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); ; Clayey sand; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Platy; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 6 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm)

roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -

A2 0.17 - 0.36 m Light brownish grey (10YR6/2-Moist); ; Clayey sand; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 mm,

Angular blocky; Rough-ped fabric; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Field pH 6.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Abrupt, Smooth change to -

B21 0.36 - 0.65 m Pinkish grey (7.5YR6/2-Moist); , 5YR46, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , N20, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct;

Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately

moist; Very firm consistence; Field pH 7 (pH meter);

B22 0.65 - 0.8 m Pale brown (10YR6/3-Moist); , 5YR46, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , N20, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct;

Medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Few (2 - 10 %), Manganiferous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH

meter); Gradual, Smooth change to -

B23k 0.8 - 1.6 m Greyish brown (2.5Y5/2-Moist); ; Light clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular

blocky; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Common (10 - 20 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Very few (0 - 2 %), Manganiferous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5

(pH meter); Clear, Smooth change to -

C 1.6 - 2.53 m Very pale brown (10YR8/3-Moist); ; Light clay; Massive grade of structure; Moderately moist;

Rigid consistence; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter);

Morphological Notes

A11 Sampling depths were altered to coincide with A2 and top of B2. Na02507 is hard, rock-

like carbonate.

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Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, mixed texture, with abundant lime, Rolling Downs Group

Site Notes

Very dispersed surface with large sand grains evident. Pink surface, very powdery once thin surface seal is broken. We are one step down from na026.

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		changeable		NI-	Exchangeable	CEC		ECEC	. E	SP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	K	Na Cmol (-	Acidity +)/kg				•	%
0 - 0.02	6.26A	0.041A	0.989999 9B	0.52	0.4	<0.01						
0 - 0.1	6.38A	0.061A	0.36B	0.62	0.22	0.89						
0.1 - 0.17	6.22A	0.035A	0.2B	0.45	0.21	0.54						
0.2 - 0.3	7.5A	0.022A	0.53B	0.28	0.03	0.93						
0.4 - 0.5	7.5A	0.067A	4.6B	10.36	0.85	1.19						
0.7 - 0.8	8.8A	0.105A	4.64B	10.25	1.09	2.34						
1.2 - 1.3	9.06A	0.306A	4.36B	8.030001	1.17	6.23						
2.5 - 2.6	9.17A	0.296A	5B	11.77	1.23	6.56						
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Tota			article	-	Analysis	
	%	C %	P	P %	N %	K	Density Mar/m2	G۷	cs	FS %	Silt	Clay
m	70	70	mg/kg	70	70	%	Mg/m3			70		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	0.49C									8	5.1
0 - 0.1	<0.1B	0.47C	14.2J								5.7	3.9
0.1 - 0.17	<0.1B	0.33C	9.3J								7.2	4.2
0.2 - 0.3	<0.1B	0.15C	5.6J								7	3.3
0.4 - 0.5	<0.1B	0.29C	2.3J								5.2	36.6
0.7 - 0.8	<0.1B	0.11C	1.3J								5.6	30.8
1.2 - 1.3	12.1B	0.05C	2.9J								5	30.6
2.5 - 2.6	10.3B	0.04C	2.8J								8.3	27.6
Depth	COLE	COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat								at	K unsat	:
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar		0.5 Bar g - m3/m	1 Bar 3	5 Bar 15 i	Bar	mm	/h	mm/h	

^{0 - 0.02}

^{0 - 0.02} 0 - 0.1 0.1 - 0.17 0.2 - 0.3

^{0.2 - 0.3} 0.4 - 0.5 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