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Salinity																	
Sat. Paste Moisture	%	24	23.2	1.31		39.4	3.00		49.5	3.50		29.5	2.32		43.0	3.70	
pH - sp	Unit	32	5.35	0.17		5.85	0.06		7.32	0.12		7.97	0.13		7.40	0.10	
ECe - sp	dS/m	33	0.23	0.05		2.20	0.14		0.85	0.10		0.54	0.06		0.78	0.06	
HCO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	10	0.61	0.20		0.80	0.25		4.75	2.07		5.09	1.40		2.94	0.87	
Ca - sp	mmolc/L	26	1.12	0.31		13.3	1.40		6.06	0.91		4.37	0.64		5.04	0.50	
Mg - sp	mmolc/L	26	0.50	0.14		5.06	0.77		1.38	0.17		1.63	0.35		1.97	0.22	
Na - sp	mmolc/L	26	0.54	0.26		0.74	0.18		0.81	0.19		1.24	0.23		1.13	0.18	
SAR - sp	value	23	0.45	0.22		0.22	0.03		0.35	0.06		0.71	0.09		0.58	0.08	
Cl - sp	mmolc/L	14	0.57	0.23		0.59	0.13		1.56	0.12		0.51	0.15		1.01	0.13	
SO ₄ - sp	mmolc/L	17	0.41	0.11		2.31	0.23		2.15	0.31		0.63	0.20		0.75	0.09	
NO ₃ - sp	mmolc/L	15	0.56	0.43		13.4	8.64		0.22	0.20		0.25	0.24		2.50	1.36	
B - sp	mg/L	13	0.07	0.03		0.16	0.03		0.71	0.08		0.12	0.04		0.07	0.03	
Soil pH & EC																	
Soil EC (1:1)	(dS/m)	24	0.08	0.01		0.76	0.08		0.30	0.03		0.19	0.03		0.37	0.03	
Soil EC (1:2)	(dS/m)	44	0.05	0.01		0.51	0.04		0.22	0.03		0.15	0.02		0.22	0.02	
pH (1:1) Water	Unit	71	5.54	0.10		6.05	0.05		7.40	0.10		8.21	0.10		7.58	0.09	
pH (1:2) Water	Unit	26	5.70	0.10		6.11	0.11		7.48	0.08		8.38	0.12		7.60	0.10	
pH (1:1) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	23	4.87	0.07		5.80	0.08		7.00	0.10		7.70	0.09		7.24	0.06	
pH (1:2) 0.01M CaCl ₂	Unit	12	4.88	0.06		5.81	0.06		6.94	0.05		7.59	0.13		7.19	0.04	
Buffer pH, Lime Req.																	
SMP Buffer pH	Unit	57	6.59	0.10		6.96	0.06		7.30	0.04		7.52	0.05		7.40	0.05	
Adams-Evans Buf pH	Unit	11	7.45	0.06		7.53	0.06		7.81	0.02		7.90	0.03		7.73	0.03	
Woodruff Buf. pH	Unit	25	6.49	0.09		6.74	0.05		7.00	0.05		7.11	0.05		7.03	0.06	
Mehlich Buffer pH	Unit	3	6.00	0.00		6.21	0.01		6.69	0.00		6.88	0.00		6.73	0.00	
Titrateable Acidity	cmol/kg	1	7.58	0.00		5.73	0.00										

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Inorganic Nitrogen (NO3-N & NH4-N)																	
NO3-N Cd. Rd.	mg/kg	56	5.00	0.55		93.6	4.45		10.4	0.62		8.02	0.89		26.3	1.44	
NO3-N ISE	mg/kg	14	5.30	1.97		80.6	9.13		9.8	1.96		10.0	1.82		24.0	2.13	
NO3-N CTA	mg/kg	3	5.38	0.33		94.9	6.15		12.5	1.23		7.25	0.35		25.9	1.86	
NO3-N Ion Chr.	mg/kg	2	22.7	16.87		76.3	24.1		18.0	8.99		11.6	4.87		26.7	3.11	
NO3-N Other _____	mg/kg	12	4.96	0.78		91.9	8.80		10.9	0.53		7.78	1.08		25.9	1.02	
NH4 - N (KCl Extr.)	mg/kg	45	2.63	0.76		46.8	3.62		37.6	2.45		1.95	0.48		3.44	0.53	
Phosphorus and Sulfur																	
PO4-P Bray P (1:10)	mg/kg	50	114	11.0		62.7	4.50		194	20.0		52.0	7.57		27.2	1.80	
PO4-P Bray P1 (1:7)	mg/kg	7	94.0	6.4		56.7	3.50		152	13.3		41.8	8.25		22.5	2.53	
PO4-P Olsen/Bicarb	mg/kg	48	45.9	3.58		30.1	2.05		80.9	8.90		26.0	2.33		12.6	1.28	
PO4-P AB-DTPA	mg/kg	3	5.20	0.60		13.6	1.50		13.3	10.8		20.5	18.4		25.0	18.0	
PO4-P Modified Morgan	mg/kg	3	4.80	0.80		10.0	1.30		103	25.1		67.2	15.9		24.0	5.40	
PO4-P True Morgan	mg/kg	3	4.50	0.50		14.4	0.40		127	2.60		68.9	4.50		22.2	4.80	
PO4-P Mod. Kewlona	mg/kg	4	66.5	1.01		44.6	1.62		148	1.90		62.0	10.5		19.5	2.17	
PO4-P Stong Bray (1:10)	mg/kg	8	184	9.8		264	12.0		525	161		243	26.0		356	57.3	
PO4-P Water Soluble	mg/kg	6	4.41	2.96		7.17	2.84		14.2	4.50		8.02	1.69		4.65	1.79	
SO4 - S (PO4 Extr.)	mg/kg	33	4.00	1.97		19.0	3.40		19.0	3.96		4.00	1.50		6.19	2.01	
Bases																	
K Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	75	114	11.0		760	35.0		313	31.0		225	15.0		191	9.2	
Ca Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	72	645	84.5		2378	128		1892	257		3717	380		2885	170	
Mg Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	72	127	11.5		375	18.5		146	18.0		286	17.0		429	19.9	
Na Ammonium Acetate	mg/kg	54	14.5	5.50		22.0	4.84		23.0	5.99		38.9	8.79		46.0	10.0	
Bray Extractable K	mg/kg	3	100	3.0		511	7.3		267	18.0		172	16.7		142	15.0	
K- Olsen/Bicarb.	mg/kg	6	98.5	6.35		505	9.0		322	7.6		145	20.0		101	6.0	
K Modified Morgan	mg/kg	2	97.8	15.30		571	152		310	5.4		163	42.7		131	47.8	
K True Morgan	mg/kg	4	76.0	6.50		384	15.5		272	7.4		121	8.0		77.0	7.50	
Ca Modified Morgan	mg/kg	2	564	68.0		2140	129		2499	93.2		8902	862		2855	265	
Aluminum KCL Extr.	mg/kg	6	17.9	10.7		1.10	1.10		0.34	0.34		0.46	0.46		0.85	0.75	

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Mehlich-1 Multi Element (scoop)																	
Scoop Soil Mass	g	6	5.00	0.00		5.00	0.00		5.00	0.00		5.00	0.00		5.00	0.00	
P	mg/kg	6	56.7	2.49		208	8.6		421	33.3		58.4	1.63		319	31.7	
K	mg/kg	6	81.9	4.38		402	15.2		263	28.2		77.1	9.80		86.4	4.70	
Ca	mg/kg	6	634	58.0		2426	26.8		3328	239		5192	226		3248	220	
Mg	mg/kg	6	113	8.5		325	11.3		184	17.0		274	12.7		390	21.4	
Mn	mg/kg	5	7.49	3.20		84.3	1.58		139	9.19		2.40	0.40		28.5	1.52	
Zn	mg/kg	5	2.45	0.16		1.10	0.04		13.4	0.70		0.28	0.02		2.00	0.12	
Mehlich-3 Multi-Element (scoop)																	
Scoop Soil Mass	g	28	2.46	0.17		2.02	0.14		1.78	0.22		2.33	0.20		2.14	0.14	
Assumed Density	g/cm ³	16	1.18	0.00		1.18	0.00		1.18	0.00		1.18	0.00		1.18	0.00	
Volume of Scoop	cm ³	29	2.00	0.30		2.00	0.30		2.00	0.30		2.00	0.30		2.00	0.30	
Extractant Volume mL	mL	30	20.0	0.00		20.0	0.00		20.0	0.00		20.0	0.00		20.0	0.00	
P Colorimetric	mg/kg	23	130	10.0		81.0	5.70		313	55.2		96.0	4.00		46.0	3.20	
P ICP-AES	mg/kg	37	141	9.8		89.9	7.10		336	24.4		110	9.5		50.2	4.75	
K	mg/kg	44	121	15.7		737	51.5		334	27.5		236	21.0		200	8.0	
Ca	mg/kg	41	732	91.8		2585	151		2672	214		5285	411		3121	258	
Mg	mg/kg	41	137	15.0		412	31.7		171	14.6		362	23.9		504	26.0	
Na	mg/kg	30	13.1	6.93		16.9	5.35		19.8	4.75		35.7	8.26		39.3	5.50	
S	mg/kg	32	14.3	2.96		24.5	3.00		33.0	4.25		15.4	3.43		14.2	2.65	
Al	mg/kg	21	982	135		660	46.0		778	53.3		199	77.0		578	49.0	
Zn	mg/kg	35	3.40	0.40		2.03	0.13		16.1	1.40		16.3	1.29		3.54	0.46	
Mn	mg/kg	34	10.3	1.03		240	18.9		321	23.6		110	9.0		234	17.0	
Fe	mg/kg	32	284	26.7		85.8	7.25		188	15.1		30.8	3.81		65.9	6.60	
Cu	mg/kg	35	1.99	0.26		2.94	0.17		14.2	1.45		1.82	0.25		3.42	0.22	
B	mg/kg	30	0.44	0.25		0.78	0.16		3.30	0.35		1.69	0.29		1.30	0.15	

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Micronutrients																	
Zn - DTPA	mg/kg	70	1.89	0.21		1.00	0.08		5.73	0.58		5.60	0.60		1.50	0.13	
Mn - DTPA	mg/kg	55	3.95	0.49		85.5	4.44		63.2	8.16		4.78	0.87		13.3	2.28	
Fe - DTPA	mg/kg	57	69.7	8.30		16.2	1.90		33.0	4.70		3.70	0.70		9.34	0.86	
Cu - DTPA	mg/kg	58	1.50	0.19		1.60	0.11		8.01	0.90		0.60	0.11		1.20	0.11	
Zn - HCl	mg/kg	4	2.89	0.38		1.96	0.06		17.5	1.40		14.4	1.48		3.77	0.05	
Mn-H3PO4	mg/kg	9	6.41	2.49		68.2	2.45		131	9.0		4.48	0.70		20.5	0.80	
Cl - Ca(NO3)2 Extr.	mg/kg	16	2.54	1.02		7.26	1.60		22.1	3.75		4.27	1.62		13.8	1.37	
B - Hot Wat.	mg/kg	43	0.23	0.08		0.72	0.18		2.33	0.57		0.60	0.16		0.60	0.15	
B-DTPA/Sorbitol	mg/kg	7	0.20	0.10		0.38	0.07		1.74	0.22		0.65	0.08		0.55	0.06	
Soil Organic Matter																	
Soil Kjeldahl N	%	20	0.057	0.005		0.124	0.006		0.204	0.011		0.104	0.006		0.132	0.008	
Soil TN (combustion)	%	31	0.065	0.008		0.133	0.014		0.216	0.010		0.110	0.010		0.137	0.007	
Soil TOC (Combustion)	%	9	0.620	0.020		1.290	0.075		1.987	0.085		1.107	0.237		1.320	0.046	
Soil Total C (Combustion)	%	22	0.635	0.050		1.304	0.080		2.058	0.047		1.411	0.075		1.375	0.110	
SOM - Walkley-Black	%	33	1.10	0.190		2.25	0.195		3.10	0.242		1.75	0.160		2.24	0.103	
SOM - LOI (% Wt loss)	%	65	1.80	0.120		2.60	0.140		4.29	0.240		1.93	0.130		2.70	0.200	
CaCO3 Content	%	13	0.34	0.33		0.60	0.33		1.21	0.32		4.17	0.37		1.10	0.50	
CEC - Cation Displacement	cmol/kg	21	8.10	1.00		19.4	2.52		14.3	2.06		10.0	1.28		18.0	2.74	
CEC - Estimation	cmol/kg	13	10.0	0.70		18.3	1.70		11.0	0.90		22.7	3.23		18.8	1.22	
Soil Density (Scoop)	g/cc	13	1.43	0.04		1.19	0.05		1.01	0.05		1.39	0.02		1.26	0.02	
Particle Size Analysis																	
Sand 2000 - 50 um	%	38	65.0	2.14		24.0	4.90		22.0	4.00		65.2	2.80		47.0	3.00	
Silt 50 - 2 um	%	38	20.8	1.80		55.4	4.07		58.0	4.00		26.0	1.60		36.0	2.02	
Clay 2 - 0 um	%	38	13.7	1.65		21.0	2.00		20.0	3.00		8.0	2.00		18.0	1.56	

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