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Foreword

This monitoring program would not have been possible without the financial support of the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation who has funded the effort since November 1, 2006. The monitoring program was initiated in 2003 by Fidelity Exploration and Production Company who provided funding to plan and implement the Tongue River AMPP for its first three years of operation. Additionally, the authors wish to thank each of the landowners who afforded us access to their fields and agronomic records. Finally, we wish to thank all of the members of the field sampling crew including Dina Brown, Aaron DeJoya, and many others. We also appreciate Energy Lab's efforts to provide public access to all AMPP data through their WEB site (http://www.energylab.com). Biographical sketches of the authors and reviewers may be found on the web site for the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation: http://bogc.dnrc.state.mt.us/. The interpretations provided herein are solely those of the authors.

Executive Summary

Irrigators that rely on Tongue River water for crop and forage production have expressed concern about potential adverse impacts that CBNG development may have on irrigation water quality. Currently, the Tongue River enjoys good quality water that is used to irrigate more than 20,000 acres of land while supporting a healthy fishery within and just below the Tongue River Reservoir.

The Agronomic Monitoring and Protection Program (AMPP) was initially commissioned and funded by Fidelity Exploration & Production Company (Fidelity) in 2003. Since late-2006, AMPP has been supported by the Montana Department of Natural Resources' Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (Tom Richmond, Administrator). AMPP was designed by two professional soil scientists and an agronomist from Montana, namely William Schafer, Kevin Harvey, and Neal Fehringer. During summer and fall of 2003, landowners who irrigated a minimum of 80 acres with Tongue River water were invited to become cooperators in AMPP. All landowners participate on a voluntary basis and the specific location of sampled fields is confidential.

The AMPP soil and crop testing program has provided agronomic assistance to participants, helped irrigators better understand potential effects of CBNG development on their irrigated fields, and has documented regional trends in irrigated soil characteristics. AMPP consists of three tiers of sampling:

- Tier 1, which assesses crop yield factors, soil fertility, electrical conductivity (EC) and sodium adsorption ratio (SAR) in selected fields;
- Tier 2, which includes Tier 1 parameters as well as more detailed sampling, and measurement of exchangeable sodium percentage (ESP), texture, bulk density, water intake rate, clay mineralogy, and soil classification as well as determination of crop yields and forage quality (including sodium content) and soil fertility in 16 fields; and
- Tier 3, which consists of crop and forage test plots employing mixtures of Tongue River water and CBNG production water.

This report contains results of Tier 2 sampling from the program's inception in fall 2003 through fall 2006 sampling. The purpose of the program is three-fold: 1) to measure baseline soil characteristics; 2) to identify changes in soil chemical and physical properties, if any, and to explore the potential relationship to CBNG development; and 3) to annually monitor crop yields and forage quality (including minerals such as sodium). To date, samples have been collected from AMPP sites five times: October 2003, April & October 2004, October 2005, and December 2006.

Study Approach

In selected fields spaced at intervals along the Tongue River (and its tributaries of Prairie Dog Creek and Otter Creek), detailed soil sampling was performed to determine seasonal changes in soil chemistry, and to assess soil characteristics at depths of up to 8 feet. Tier 2 soil sampling used a representative number of composite sub-samples collected from a portion of each field that consisted of a single soil mapping unit from the County Cooperative Soil Survey. Composite samples were collected from the following depth intervals: 0 to 2, 0 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36, 36 to 60, and 60 to 96 inches. Laboratory analyses included soil texture, EC, SAR, ESP, soil texture, clay mineralogy, trace

metals, plant available nutrients, and other properties. Neal Fehringer, Certified Professional Agronomist, has formulated ranch-specific recommendations for all Tier 2 fields annually.

Laboratory Analysis and Quality Assurance

Samples were collected, handled and analyzed under a stringent quality assurance program. The objective of the quality assurance plan is to ensure that data collected in the Tongue River AMPP are of known and acceptable quality to differentiate spatial and temporal soil chemical trends for Tier 2 samples and to provide agronomic advice.

Each set of Tier 2 soil samples were collected from the same composite sub-sample locations using GPS technology and from the same depth increments. This controlled sampling approach is necessary to minimize effects of natural soil variability on results. Samples were transported to the laboratory under chain-of-custody. The certified laboratory used an internal quality assurance program to maintain analytical precision and accuracy. Analytical results from all five sampling events, including quality assurance samples, are available to the public via the Energy Laboratory web site. (http://energylab.com/default.aspx). The AMPP web site also contains details of the program (http://www.tongueriverampp.com). The generalized location of AMPP sites is shown in Figure A. Only landowner/cooperators were provided with the alpha code corresponding to their fields.

Results

Sixteen fields were selected for the Tier 2 AMPP. Ten fields are irrigated with Tongue River water and are distributed along the entire length of the River from above the Tongue River Reservoir to the lower T&Y Irrigation District east of Miles City. Two additional Tongue River fields are non-irrigated, but are located in the floodplain in the same soil-mapping unit as the nearby irrigated AMPP field~~s~~. Finally, two fields are irrigated with water from Tongue River tributaries (Prairie Dog and Otter Creek), and two non-Tongue River Drainage reference fields are irrigated with Yellowstone River and Big Horn River water.

Tongue River irrigation water is of high quality, which except for occasional exceedances of EC near the mouth of river during low flows, meets irrigation water quality standards recently adopted by the State of Montana (Figure B). Irrigation water has year-to-year variations in EC and SAR, which are mostly related to the rate of river flow, with EC and SAR declining in higher flow years such as 2003 and 2005 and increasing in dry years such as 2002, 2004, and 2006. The EC and SAR increase somewhat in the downstream direction below the Tongue River Dam. An overview of the hydrology and water quality of the Tongue River watershed is presented in a companion report, *The Tongue River Hydrology Report*, prepared under this same contract by HydroSolutions Inc.

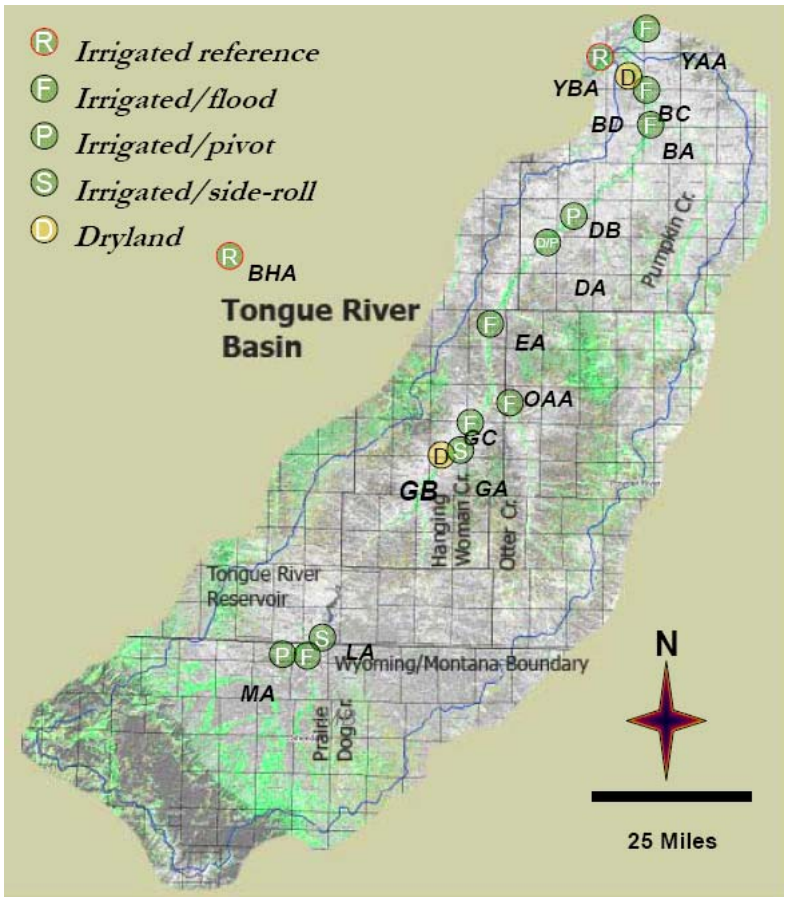

Figure A. Location of fields used in the Tongue River AMPP.

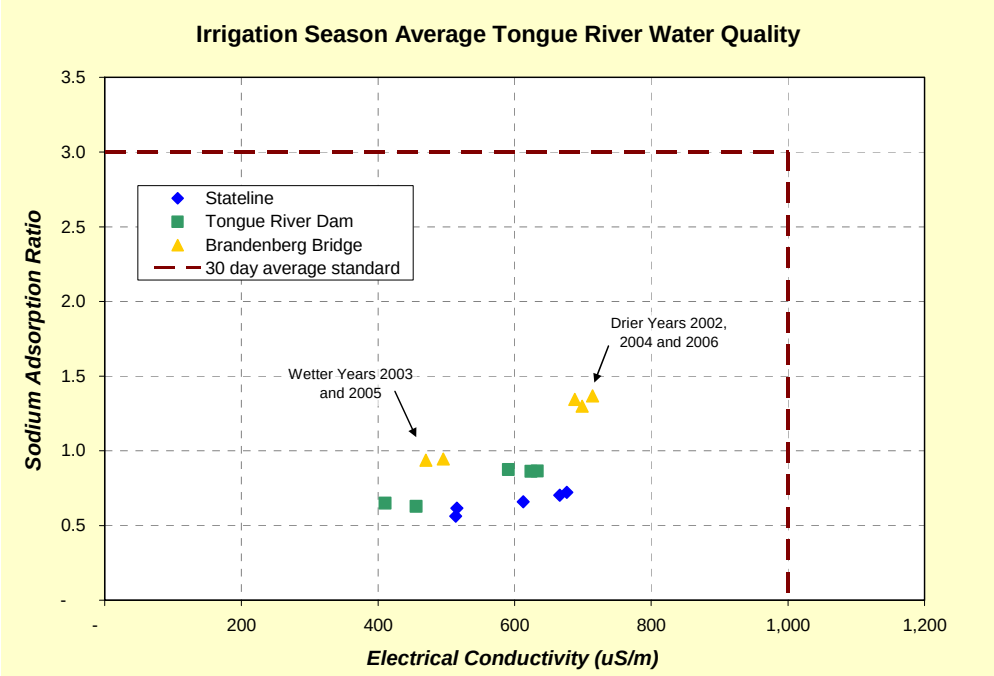

Figure B. Calculated average Tongue River irrigation water quality in 2002 through 2006.

Variation in Crop Production & Mineral Content of Forages

Documented crop yields for 2003 were based on grower records. During the 2004 through 2006 growing seasons, plant clippings were taken in Tier 2 fields at every soil sample collection point (GPS waypoint) prior to each forage cutting. Plant material from each field was dried, if normally hayed, weighed, processed through a chipper/shredder, and a representative sample sent to a laboratory for analysis. Crops that were ensiled were process immediately to replicate this harvesting process. Yields were adjusted to 12% moisture content for hayed forages and 70% for corn silage. Feed analyses include nutritional parameters and as well as a complete mineral determination (sodium, calcium, sulfur, etc.).

Large differences in forage yields were evident between sites, but yield variations showed no systematic changes through time. A myriad of factors have affected forage crop yields including age of stand, quantity of irrigation water used, fertilizer applied, weed control, climate, and number and timing of cuttings. Although it is difficult using existing data to precisely determine causes of yield variations among AMPP fields, it is clear that:

- Yields are comparable to average irrigated forage production from Big Horn, Custer, and Rosebud Counties in 2003 through 2006.
- Yields do not show a decreasing trend between 2003 and 2006.
- Yield differences are not correlated with average salinity (Figure C) or sodium levels.
- Yields appear to be limited to around 2 tons per acre in fields where less than 8 inches of irrigation was applied.
- Yields in 2004 were reduced by a late killing freeze on May 12.
- On certain years at various locations, alfalfa yields have been reduced by severe alfalfa weevil infestations prior to first cutting.

No changes in sodium content of forages were detected in 2004 and 2005 due to CBNG development. In 2004 and 2005, forage sodium contents were relatively constant in fields that were in the same crop both years. However, for 2006, eight of the ten fields that have had the same crop for at least two of the three years had decreased in sodium levels (Figure D). Alfalfa at the EA site, near Brandenburg Bridge, increased in sodium substantially in the third cutting, which resulted in the 2006 average sodium content for the field to increase compared to 2005. Site BA, planted to corn for silage in 2004 and 2005 and spring wheat in 2006, was the other site that did not have a sodium decline. Sodium levels were the same for both years of corn silage (0.02%). The spring wheat grain was not analyzed for feed value and mineral content.

With elevated sodium levels in CBNG water, increases in sodium content of forage crops should be among the first effects of CBNG activity because plants take-up what is applied to the soil. Alfalfa at site MA, which is located near most of the CBNG water discharge sites, had a sodium level of 0.07% in both 2004 and 2005. It then declined to 0.04% in 2006. LA, which is also near most of the discharge points, has had sodium decline from 0.06% in 2004 to 0.05% in 2005 and to 0.04% in 2006. Sodium decline in 2006 forages could be attributed to ESP decline in the fall 2005 soil samples (Figure M).

In 2004, the highest sodium level (0.47%) was in hay barley at YBA, which is irrigated with Yellowstone River water. In 2005, YBA also had the highest sodium level (0.59%) which was hay barley under seeded to alfalfa for first cutting. However, sodium was only 0.17% in the pure alfalfa hay harvested for second cutting in 2005. For 2006, three cuttings of alfalfa contained an average of 0.14% sodium. Site DA, which had the highest soil EC and ESP, had a sodium level of 0.27% in the 2004 alfalfa but only 0.02% in the 2005 corn silage. Sodium levels have varied between AMPP locations due to soil EC and ESP as well as crops being grown (Figure E).

Another example of plants absorbing what is applied to the soil was that mineral content changed at individual AMPP locations in response to fertilizer applications. In 2004, phosphorus in alfalfa hay at YAA site increased from 0.20% to 0.29% in the first cutting to second cutting, respectively. The landowner applied 20-100-0 (actual N-P205-K2O) per acre after first cutting. Normally, phosphorus levels decline from first to third cutting.

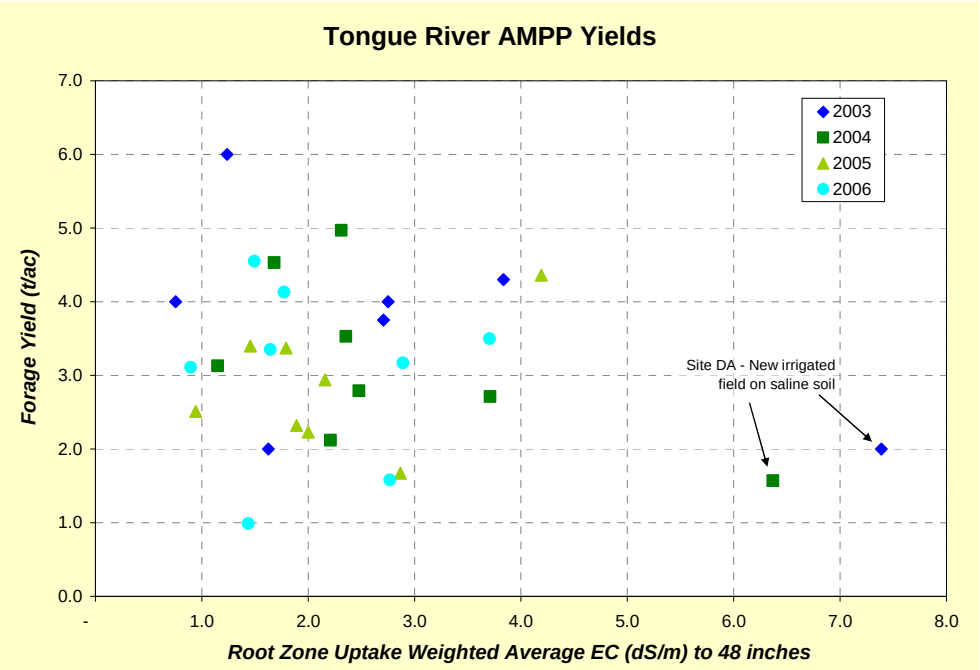

Figure C. Comparison of AMPP forage yield to average root zone salinity (EC dS/m) in 2003 through 2006.

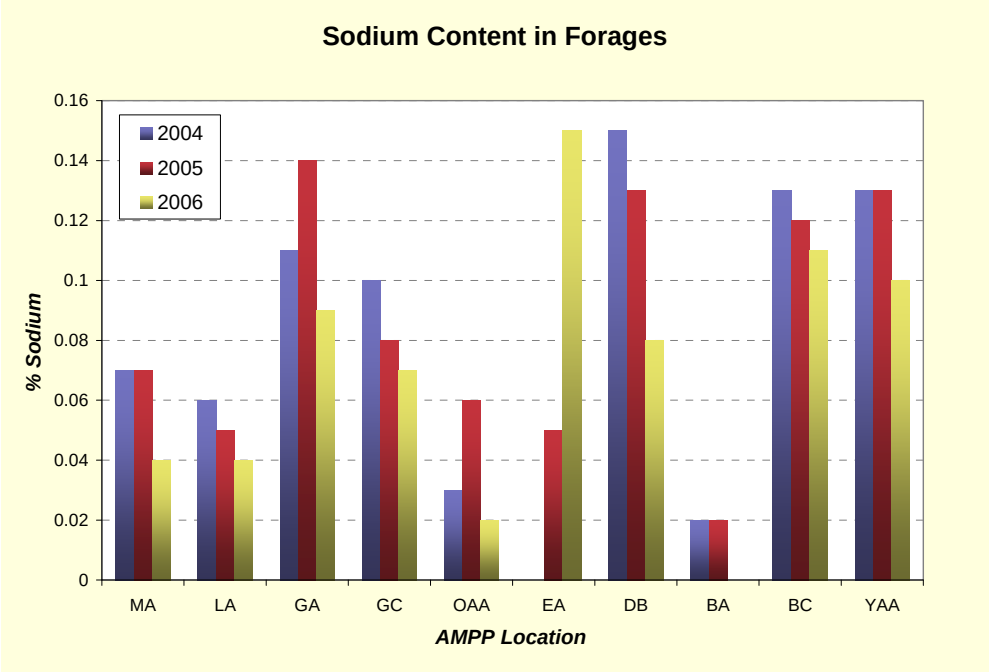

Figure D. Comparison of sodium content in forages in fields that have been planted to the same crop for at least two out of three years, 2004 to 2006.

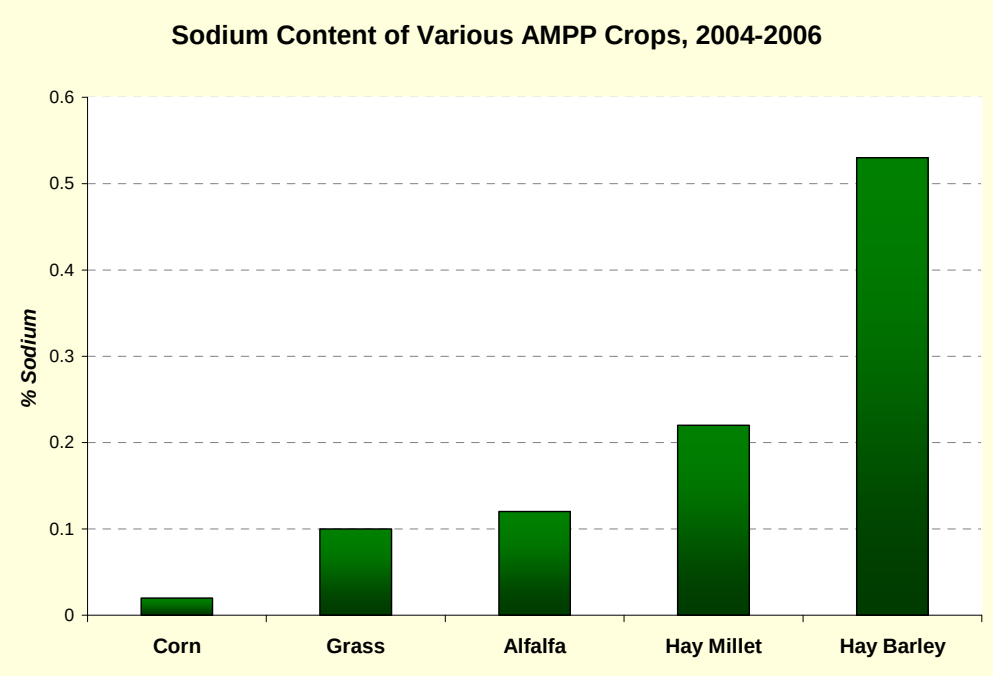

Figure E. Average sodium content of AMPP forages harvested, 2004 to 2006.

Properties of AMPP Soils

Irrigated Tongue River soils exhibited both similarities and differences. All AMPP soils were derived from recent floodplain sediments and showed characteristic horizontal layering with slight differences in clay content and organic matter. All soils had abundant lime at every

depth, indicative of their geologic youth. Additionally, all soils were lower in clay content and expansive clays than is conventionally believed to be the case in southeastern Montana.

Overall, irrigated fields in the Tongue River Drainage were medium-textured, meaning they had nearly equal proportions of sand, silt, and clay. Soil texture is important in irrigated soils because soils with too much clay may have low permeability and poor drainage. However, soils with too much sand may drain too rapidly and will have low water and nutrient-holding capacities. Tongue River soil textures were classified as loam, clay loam or silty clay loam (Figure F).

Clay mineralogy of irrigated soils affects their susceptibility to excess sodium levels. For example, Bauder (no date) illustrated the dependence of sodium sensitivity to clay mineralogy based on irrigation water quality guidelines developed by the United Nations (Table A). According to Bauder, SAR levels in irrigation water less than 6 do not create a problem if the dominant clay mineral is smectite. This "safe" level of SAR increases to 8 for illite-dominated soils and to 16 for kaolinitic soils. Irrigated Tongue River soils have a mixed mineralogy (Figure G) in which kaolinite is the most abundant clay mineral followed by illite. Based on UN irrigation water quality guidelines, a SAR level in irrigation water up to 8 would be safe to use on Tongue River soils. The current Montana water quality standard for SAR on the Tongue River is 3.0 (30-day average) or 4.5 (instantaneous) during the irrigation season.

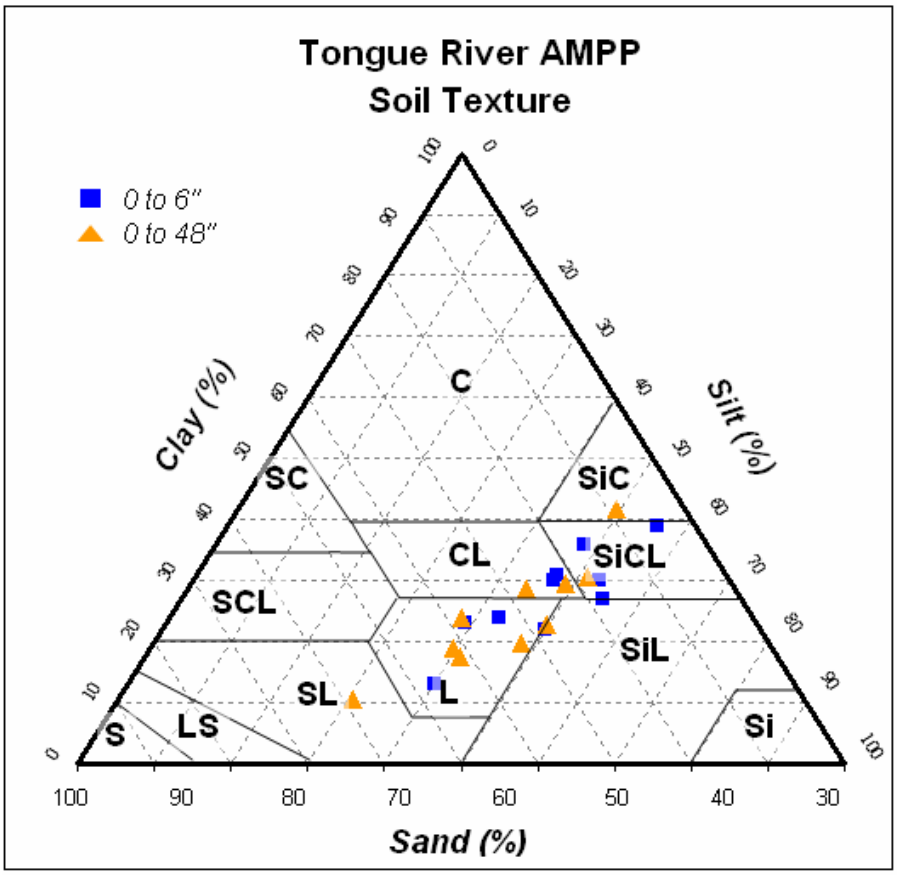

Figure F. Texture of surface soils and the average root zone texture of AMPP soils.

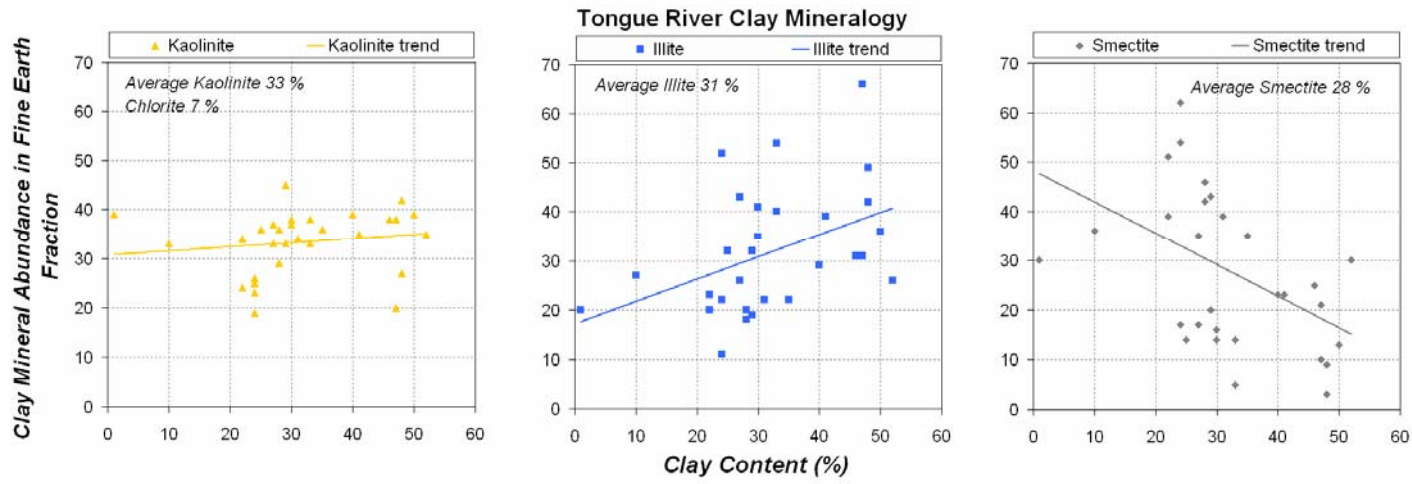

Figure G. Clay mineral abundance in AMPP soils.

Table A. Guidelines for irrigation water quality established by the World Food and Agriculture Organization (after Bauder no date).

	Intensity of Problem[1]		
Water Constituent	**No Problem**	**Moderate**	**Severe**
Salinity (decisiemens/meter)	<0.7	0.7-3.0	>3.0
Permeability (rate of infiltration affected) by Salinity (decisiemens/meter)	>0.5	0.5-0.2	<0.2
Adjusted SAR; soils are: Dominantly smectites	<6	6-9	>9
Dominantly illite-vermiculite	<8	8-16	>16
Dominantly kaolinite or sesquioxides	<16	16-24	>24

From Bauder (no date)

Source: Modified from R.S. Ayers and D.W. Westcott, "Water Quality for Agriculture," Irrigation and Drainage Paper, 29, FAO, Rome, 1976; rev. 1986.

[1]*Based on the assumptions that the soils are sandy loam to clay loams, have good drainage, are in arid to semiarid climates, that irrigation is sprinkler or surface, that root depths are normal for soil, and that the guidelines are only approximate.*

Lastly, surface samples collected from 0 to 6 inches in irrigated Tongue River soils were, with one exception, non-saline and non-sodic (Figure H). This means that Tongue River soils do not exhibit an adverse accumulation of soluble salts or sodium, even though these conditions are common elsewhere in southeastern Montana soils (Bauder, no date). The single exception was site DA, which is located near the mouth of an ephemeral tributary to the Tongue River. The soil was brought under irrigation in August 2003. During the first

full irrigation season (2004), enough salts were leached from the 0-6 inch depth that the soil was no longer classified as saline.

Statistical Variation in AMPP Samples

Statistical analysis was performed to determine whether there were any significant changes in soil chemical properties during the time spanned by the five sampling events. All measured soil properties exhibited significant statistical variation between AMPP sites and also differed according to soil depth. However, only a few soil properties significantly varied with time. These included soil pH, CEC, ESP, and lime content. Some of these apparent variations may be due to analytical differences associated with laboratory techniques.

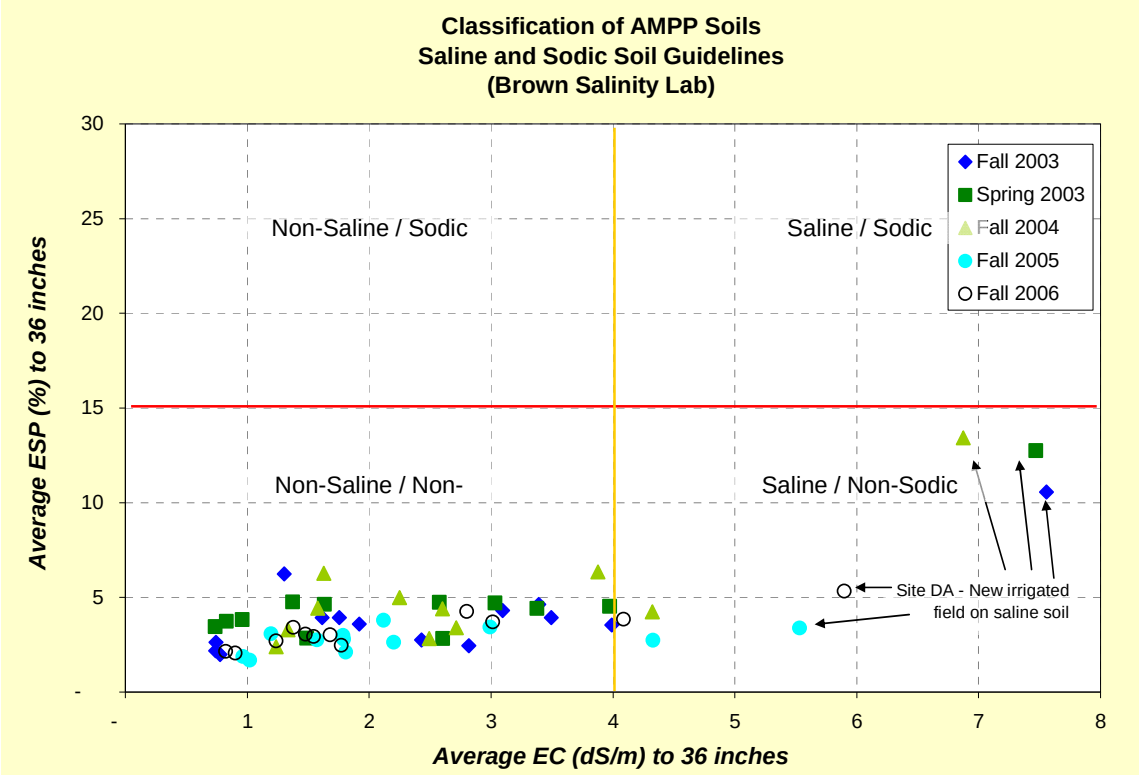

Figure H. Salinity and sodium levels in irrigated Tongue River soils in fall 2003, spring 2004, and fall 2004 through 2006.

Variations in Soil Properties Related to Soil Depth

Statistical analysis showed that all soil properties exhibited significant variation with soil depth and between locations. Additionally, the pattern of change in soil properties with depth tended to differ between sites. While changes in soil properties with depth differed greatly from site to site, the "average" relationship between various soil properties and depth accurately portrays the general depth trends. For example, clay content tended to be higher near-surface than at depth, which is typical of floodplain deposits. Conversely, soil pH was slightly lower near-surface than at depth, which is typical of most western soils. At depth, abundant lime tends to control pH around 8.0, while closer to the soil surface, organic matter causes a slightly lower pH.

Average EC increased with depth to about 36 inches, where the maximum average value of 4 dS/m occurred and then decreased to around 2.5 dS/m at 8 feet in depth (Figure I). The increase in EC that occurs with depth is typical of both dryland and irrigated soils in semi-arid climates. Infiltration of rainwater and low EC irrigation water tends to maintain low EC levels near the surface. As plant roots extract water from the soil, they absorb water and exclude most soluble ions causing a progressive accumulation of salts. Roots are primarily distributed throughout the upper 3 to 5 feet of soil, causing a build-up in EC near the base of the root zone. The difference between the top and base of the root zone provides an indication of the amount of water that percolates through the soil. When this quantity of water is expressed as a percentage of applied water, it is called the "leaching fraction" (LF) in irrigated soils. Estimated average leaching fraction for AMPP soils was 11%.

ESP (Figure J) also increased with increasing depth in a similar manner to EC, except that the maximum average ESP occurred at a depth of 3 to 5 feet, somewhat deeper than for EC. Soil water has higher EC and ESP deeper in the soil profile due to the pattern of water removal by plant roots. Changes in sodium status with depth are a bit more complex, because as salts are concentrated by plant water uptake, soil minerals enriched in calcium and magnesium tend to form, causing a shift towards higher proportions of sodium vs. calcium and magnesium, resulting in a higher SAR and ESP.

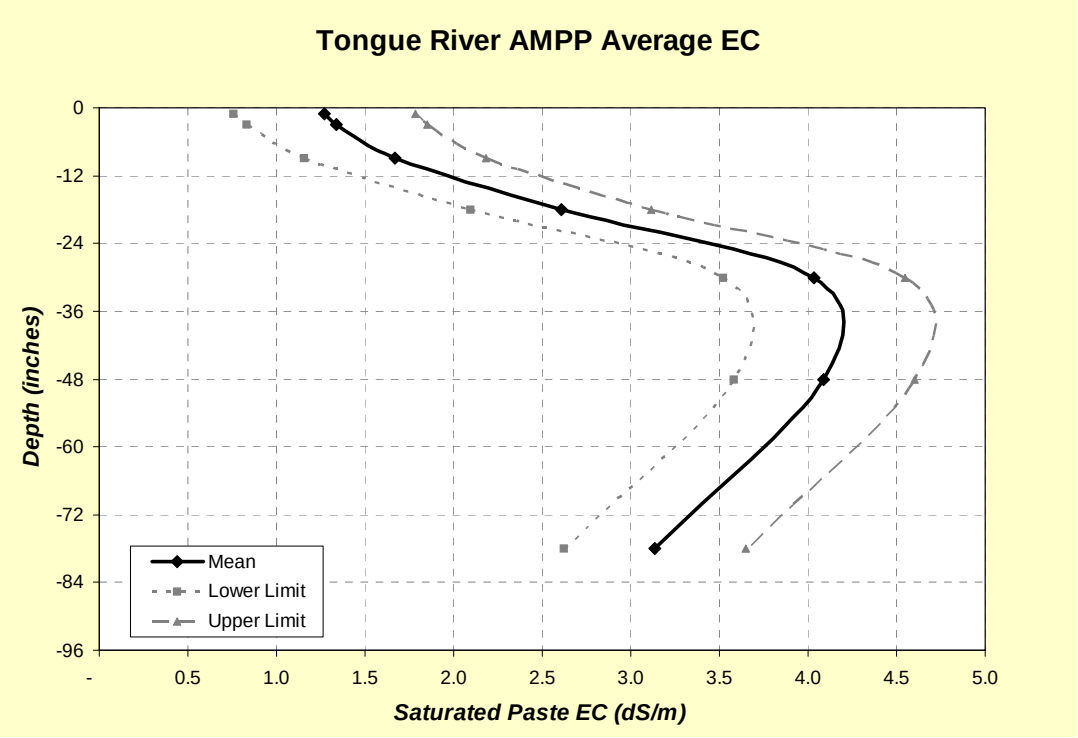

Figure I. Trend in average EC with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

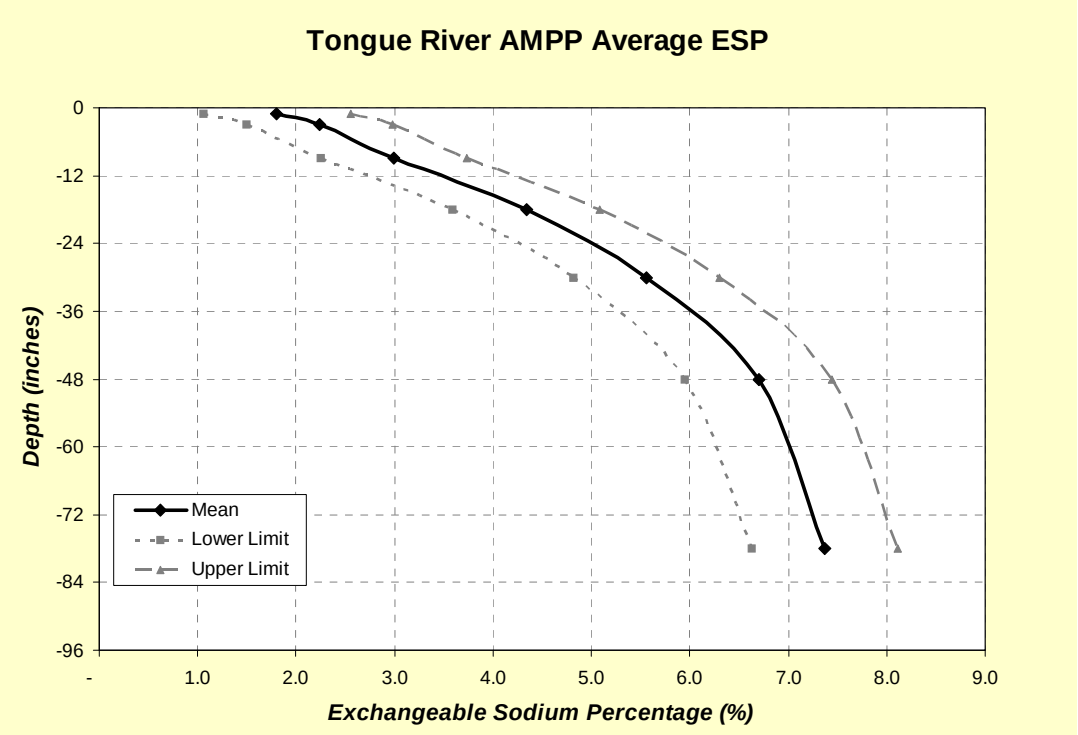

Figure J. Trend in average ESP with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

Comparison of EC and ESP in AMPP Fields through Time

EC and ESP (Figures K and L) are properties that are more sensitive to changes in management, water quality, and climate than most other soil properties such as texture. Consequently, if after a period of one or more growing seasons, changes in irrigated soils occur due to CBNG activity, increases in EC and/or ESP will be detected. No statistically significant change in root zone EC was evident through time. ESP also did not change from fall 2003 to fall 2004; however, average ESP **decreased** from 5.5 to 3.1 between fall 2004 and fall 2005 and remained low (3.7) in fall 2006.

Some individual fields exhibited changes in ESP due to site specific agronomic management even when no basin-wide trends were evident. For example, ESP at 0 to 2 inches decreased from fall 2003 to fall 2004 at the BHA reference site which is irrigated from the Big Horn River. The field was in sugar beets in 2003 and had high soil moisture at harvest. Once the beets were defoliated and dug, soil moisture and salts were drawn to the surface by evaporation, leaving salts behind. The fall 2003 ESP was 6.1 in the 0 to 2 inch depth. Then in 2004 and 2005, winter wheat was in the field. The wheat canopy was more open than the beet crop, therefore the soil surface dried slowly as the crop matured, which reduced surface salt accumulation. Fall 2004 and 2005 ESP values were 2.1 and 3.3, respectively. BHA was in beets again in 2006. Fall 2006 ESP at 0 to 2 inches was 8.2 even though over four inches of precipitation was received between the 2006 final irrigation in early September and harvest in late November. The increase in ESP is unique to the 0 to 2 inch depth following beets. ESP for 0 to 6 inches was 4.2 (beets), 2.0 (wheat), 2.9 (wheat), and 2.6 (beets) from fall 2003 to fall 2006, respectively.

Depth-weighted average EC in the upper 36 inches is shown in Figure I. Average EC for all soils was around 2.5 dS/m and most individual fields fell close to this value. Sites GC, DB, and BA had lower than average EC, probably owing to application of a greater quantity of irrigation water at these sites. Site DA had higher than average EC, which was probably caused by contributions from tributary runoff onto this field that was non-irrigated prior to 2003.

Depth weighted ESP (Figure J) averaged just over 4 % and all but one field had ESP values close to this value. This exception was site DA, a field recently brought under irrigation that also had high EC values. Greasewood, a common indicator of sodium-enriched soils, is abundant in the vicinity of this field near the mouth of Foster Creek.

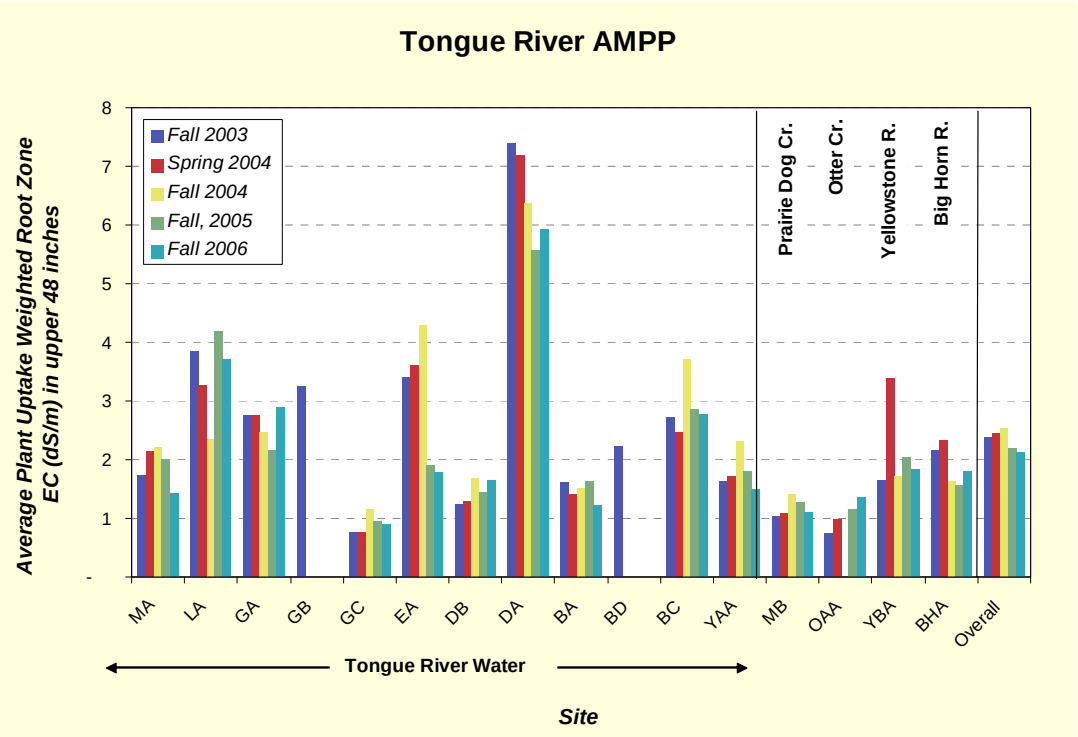

Figure K. Root zone water uptake averaged paste EC (dS/m) to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

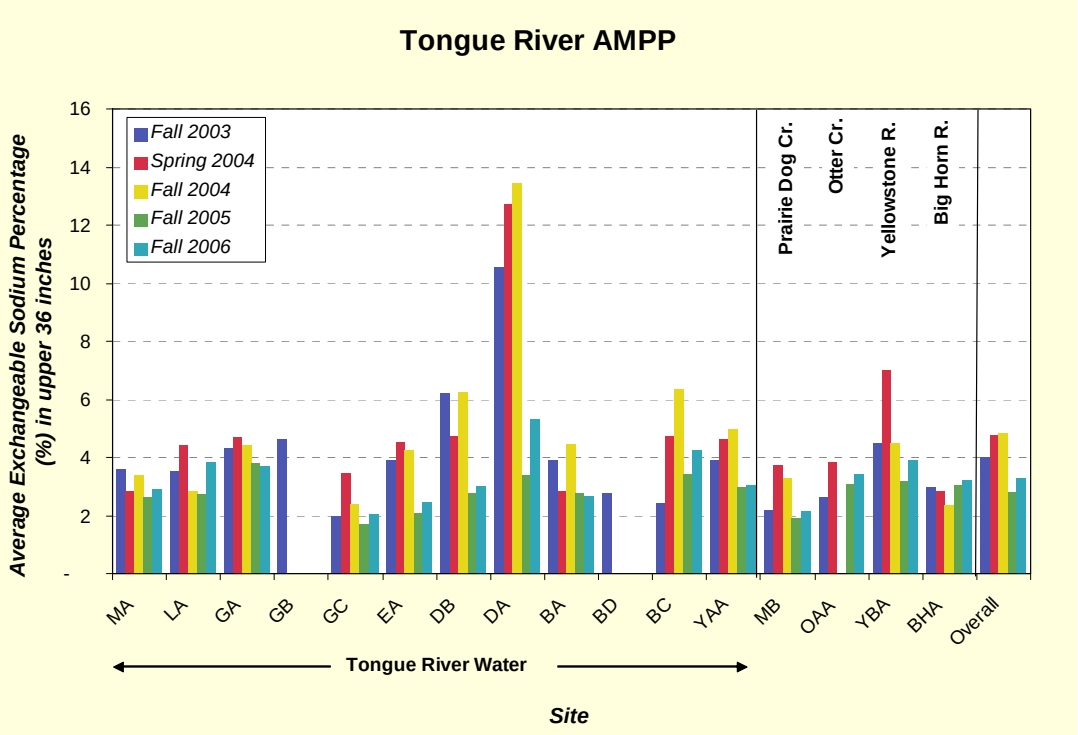

Figure L. Average ESP (%) to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

Changes in AMPP Soil through Time

A statistical analysis was performed to determine whether there were any significant changes in soil chemical properties during the time spanned by the five sampling events (October 2003 to December 2006). If CBNG activity was having an adverse effect on irrigated Tongue River soils, then an increase in average EC and/or ESP should have been evident. Statistical analysis was confined to composite samples from the 10 sites that are irrigated with Tongue River water. Although no statistically significant change in EC was evident, ESP decreased significantly between 2004 and 2005 samplings (Figure M). The decrease is attributed to an increase in growing-season precipitation and available irrigation water in 2005.

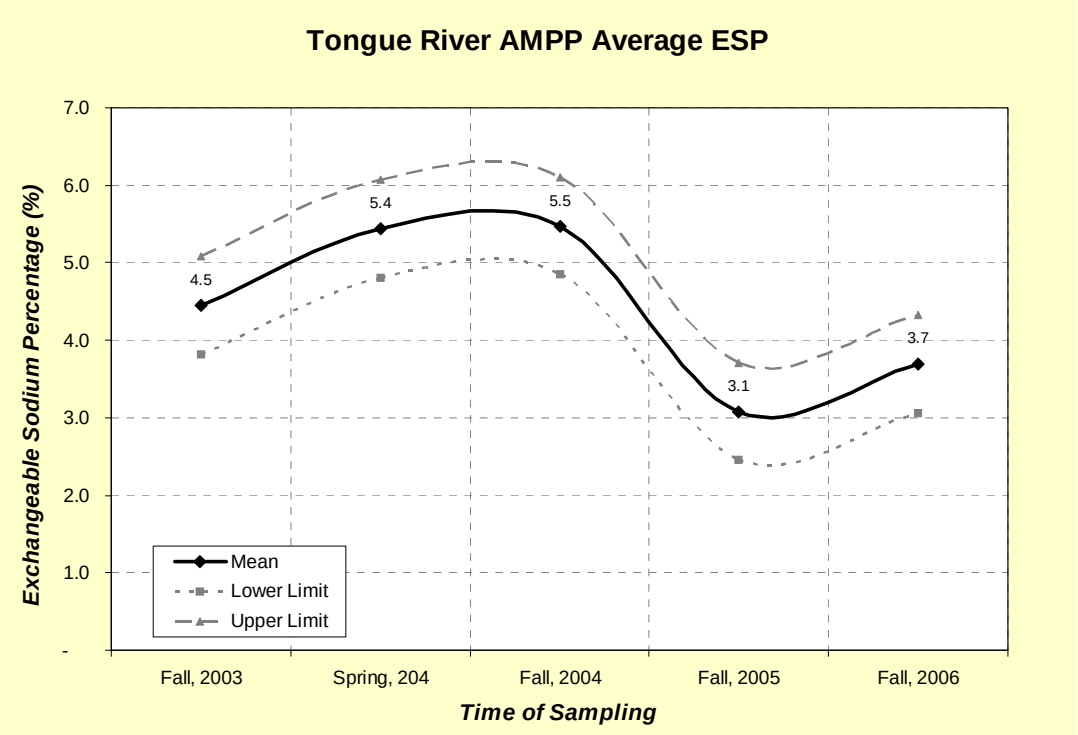

Figure M. Trend in average exchangeable sodium percentage from composite samples irrigated with Tongue River water.

1.0 Introduction

The Powder River Basin in Wyoming and southern portions of Montana hosts extensive reserves of natural gas in coal seams within near-surface sediments of the Fort Union Formation. Coal seams must be de-pressurized by pumping water to facilitate release of coalbed natural gas (CBNG) or methane contained in the coal. This produced water naturally contains moderate levels of dissolved ions in which sodium is the dominant cation (or positively charged ion) and bicarbonate the primary anion (negatively charged ion). Electrical conductivity (EC) and sodium adsorption ratio (SAR) typically range from 1,000 to 2,500 μS/cm (μmhos/cm) and 10 to 60, respectively. CBNG produced water is among the better quality groundwater in southeastern Montana for domestic and stock water uses.

1.1 Purpose of AMPP

Irrigators that rely on Tongue River water for crop and forage production have expressed concern about the potential adverse impacts that CBNG development may have on irrigation water quality. Currently, the Tongue River enjoys good quality water that is used to irrigate more than 8,100 ha (20,000 acres) of land while supporting a healthy fishery within and just below the Tongue River Reservoir. Recently, numerous programs have been implemented to protect water quality for irrigation and other uses in southeastern Montana including development of stringent water quality standards for electrical conductivity and sodium adsorption ratio, extensive surface water monitoring, and development of basin wide surface water models and water quality control programs.

The Agronomic Monitoring and Protection Program (AMPP) was commissioned by Fidelity Exploration and Production Company (Fidelity) in 2003. Since late-2006, AMPP has been supported by the Montana Department of Natural Resources' Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (Tom Richmond, Administrator). AMPP was designed by two professional soil scientists an agronomist, namely William Schafer, Kevin Harvey, and Neal Fehringer, respectively. During summer and fall of 2003, landowners who irrigated a minimum of 32 ha (80 acres) with Tongue River water were invited to become cooperators in AMPP. An information package about AMPP provided to cooperating landowners is attached as Appendix A. All landowners in AMPP participate on a voluntary basis and specific locations of sampled fields are confidential at the request of landowners.

The purpose of this program is to measure baseline soil characteristics and annually monitor crop yields and forage quality and mineral content (especially sodium). Subsequent annual soil sampling will also help identify and manage any soil chemical trends related to CBNG development that could impair future crop yields.

1.2 AMPP Timeline

- July 2003: Met with State NRCS Personnel in Bozeman, Montana to explain AMPP program.
- August 2003: AMPP announced and cooperating landowners, ranchers and irrigators contacted for participation in the program. Presented AMPP program details to Conservation District Boards in Custer, Big Horn, and Rosebud County. AMPP scientists present at Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City, Montana to sign-up cooperators and answer questions about program.

- September - October 2003: Finished signing-up cooperators. Field sampling completed for the initial testing to build baseline data. Twenty-five fields sampled in the Tier 1 program. Sixteen fields sampled in the Tier 2 program including dryland, flood and sprinkler irrigated fields and, for comparison, fields irrigated with other water sources.
- November 2003: Presented details of initial sampling on "Berg in the Morning" radio show and at the Montana Salinity Control Association's "Coalbed Methane Forum" during the Montana Association of Conservation Districts' annual meeting in Billings, Montana.
- December 2003: Results of the initial testing publicly available on Energy Labs, Inc. web site.
- January 2004: Baseline Tier 1 and Tier 2 monitoring results were presented at the annual meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Society in Billings, Montana.
- March 2004: AMPP web site launched. Delivered soil test results to cooperators, reviewed results, and adjusted cropping and fertilizer recommendations for 2004.
- April 2004: Spring monitoring event completed - 14 fields sampled in Tier 2 program. Tier 3 field plot study initiated and soil sampling performed.
- May 2004: Tier 3 plots established and crops planted.
- June 2004: AMPP program details and results presented at CBM Fair in Gillette, Wyoming.
- Summer 2004: Harvested forage from each Tier 2 field to determine yield, feed quality, and mineral content (including sodium).
- August 2004: First complete year of Tier 2 monitoring results were presented at the Coalbed Natural Gas conference in Laramie, Wyoming.
- September 2004: Completed harvest of Tier 3 field test plots for first growing season.
- October 2004: Fourteen fields sampled during ongoing Tier 2 program. Twenty-four fields assessed as part of ongoing Tier 1 agronomic consulting program.
- December 2004: Presented AMPP results to Rosebud Creek Drainage Task Force meeting in Lame Deer, Montana.
- March 2005: Met with cooperators to review soil test results and adjust 2005 cropping recommendations. Presented AMPP results to Custer County and Big Horn County Conservation Districts' monthly meetings.
- April 2005: Crops established in Tier 3 plots for 2005 growing season.
- June 2005: AMPP results presented at CBM Fair in Gillette, Wyoming.
- Summer 2005: Harvested forage from each Tier 2 field to determine yield, feed quality, and mineral content (including sodium).

- September 2005: Completed harvest of Tier 3 Field test plots for second growing season. AMPP results presented at Montana Ag Law Conference in Billings, Montana.
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- December 2005: AMPP Executive Summary Report completed and submitted to Montana Board of Environmental Review.
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- February 2007: Met with cooperators to review soil test results and adjust 2007 cropping recommendations. Presented AMPP results to Custer County and Big Horn County Conservation Districts' monthly meetings.

2.0 Monitoring Program Development and Study Design

2.1 AMPP Program Overview

AMPP was designed by Dr. Bill Schafer, Soil Scientist; Kevin Harvey, Certified Professional Soil Scientist; and Neal Fehringer, Certified Professional Agronomist. Fidelity Exploration & Production Company, a coalbed natural gas producer operating in Montana, sponsored the first three years of the program. The Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation funded the program beginning in late 2006. The soil and crop testing program will help irrigators better understand the potential effects of CBNG development on their irrigated crops. This package of soil sampling and analysis, cropping system evaluation, and interpretation is being provided at no cost to cooperating irrigators who use Tongue River water. The program consists of three tiers of sampling including:

- Tier 1, which assesses crop yield factors, soil fertility, pH, EC and SAR in selected fields;
- Tier 2, which includes Tier 1 parameters as well as more detailed sampling at depth, and measurement of exchangeable sodium percentage (ESP), texture, bulk density, water intake rate, clay mineralogy, selected trace elements, soil classification and determination of crop yields and forage quality; and
- Tier 3, which consists of crop and forage test plots employing mixtures of river and production water.

The purpose of this program is three-fold: to measure baseline soil characteristics; in subsequent annual monitoring events, to identify potential changes in soil chemical and physical properties related to CBNG development that could impair future crop yields; and to monitor crop yields and mineral content of forages produced, including sodium. To date, samples have been collected from AMPP sites five times: October 2003, May 2004, October 2004, October 2005, and December 2006. This report provides the program results to date for the Tier 2 sampling program.

2.2 Site Selection

Sixteen fields were selected for study in the Tier 2 AMPP (Figure 2-1). Ten fields were irrigated with Tongue River water and were distributed along the entire length of the River from above the Tongue River Reservoir to the lower T&Y Irrigation District east of Miles City. Two additional Tongue River fields were selected that were non-irrigated, but were located in the floodplain and in the same soil mapping unit as the nearby irrigated fields. Finally, two fields were irrigated with water from Tongue River tributaries (Prairie Dog and Otter Creek), and two reference fields were irrigated with Yellowstone River and Big Horn River water.

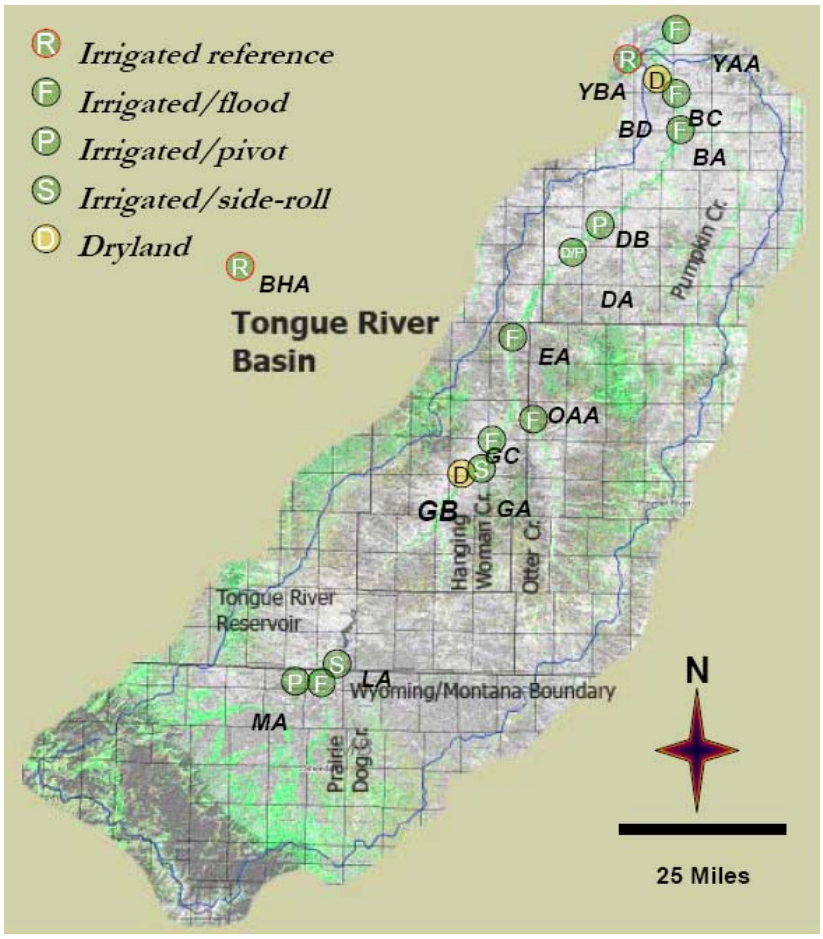

Figure 2-1. Location of fields used in the Tongue River AMPP.

2.3 Monitoring Program Design

2.3.1 Tier 1 – Soil Sampling and Crop Recommendations

The foundation of the Tongue River AMPP is a detailed agronomic assessment of representative field(s) for each cooperator. To perform this evaluation, two composite soil samples, obtained at depths of 0 to 6; and 6 to 24 inches, were collected during each fall sampling event and analyzed by Energy Labs Inc. (a certified commercial analytical laboratory) for EC, SAR and plant nutrients. Ranch-specific recommendations were formulated by Neal Fehringer. These detailed plans provided recommendations regarding fertilizers; weed, disease, and insect control; soil amendments; crop rotations; stand establishment; varieties; seeding rates, dates, and depth; and how to deal with problem soils. These comprehensive recommendations will assist each producer in better understanding soils, soil chemistry, and irrigation management. This agronomic assessment will be repeated in the future, which will reinforce previous management actions.

2.3.2 Tier 2 – Soil Sampling and Crop Recommendations

In selected fields spaced at intervals along the Tongue River (and on tributaries Prairie Dog Creek and Otter Creek), as well as two reference fields, detailed soil sampling was performed to determine seasonal changes in soil chemistry, and to assess soil characteristics at depths of up to 8 feet. Tier 2 soil sampling used a representative number of composite sub-samples collected from a portion of each field that consisted of a single soil mapping unit from the

County Cooperative Soil Survey. Composite samples were collected from the following depth intervals: 0 to 2, 0 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36, 36 to 60, and 60 to 96 inches. Laboratory analyses included soil texture, EC, SAR, ESP, clay mineralogy, trace metals, plant available nutrients, and other properties. Neal Fehringer also formulated ranch-specific agronomic recommendations for all Tier 2 fields.

Typical soils targeted for sampling in Sheridan County included the Kishona-Cambria association; in Big Horn and Rosebud County, soils included the Havorson, Havre, and Yamac series. In Custer County (including the T&Y Irrigation District east of Miles City along the Yellowstone River), sampled soils included Yamacall, Harlake, Sonnett and Kobase series.

In the first year of sampling (Fall 2003), an additional set of samples were collected at each Tier 2 location and a third set of samples was collected at two sites. Each set of samples addressed a specific issue as described below.

Reference Pedon Samples: A backhoe pit was excavated in the same Tier 2 field sampled above. A detailed soil profile description was prepared of the soil using methods and nomenclature described in Schoenenberg (2002). Samples were collected from each genetic horizon described, and sampling extended to at least 48 inches in depth. Clay mineralogy was performed on the clay-sized particles of the fine earth fraction from 2 selected horizons from each reference pedon.

Grid Samples: A final set of samples was collected to assess the spatial variability of soil properties. In two fields, samples were collected from three depth increments at 10 or more locations within the field. Each individual sample was submitted for analysis without compositing. In this way, spatial variability of each soil property can be quantified.

2.3.3 Tier 3 – Irrigated Crop and Forage Test Plots

Numerous water management strategies have been developed by petroleum companies to store, utilize, or discharge CBNG production water. Some of the water management options may entail discharge of production water into surface waters, so long as the receiving water can comply with irrigation water quality standards. Consequently, irrigators should not expect to apply undiluted CBNG production water except in special circumstances where "managed irrigation" programs are developed near the CBNG fields. Under managed irrigation, texturally suitable soils will be amended with chemicals such as gypsum or sulfur to reduce the ESP in the irrigated soils.

Irrigators using water from the Tongue River may experience slight changes in EC and SAR in their water supply if CBNG development expands in the Tongue River basin. However, EC and SAR must not exceed prescribed water quality limits adopted by the State of Montana, which were developed to protect irrigation uses of water. In order to evaluate the potential effects associated with blending CBNG production water with Tongue River water, a series of irrigated test plot experiments began in the spring of 2004.

Test plots were placed on a medium-textured soil typical of the upper Tongue River. The ongoing test plots evaluate different mixtures of Tongue River water and CBNG water applied to a hay barley-alfalfa rotation and pinto beans, under both sprinkler and flood irrigation.

The experimental design consisted of four mixtures of water ranging from 100 % Tongue River water to a 50/50 blend of Tongue River and CBNG-produced water. While water quality criteria will likely limit CBNG discharge to a dilution ratio in the range of 1 to 8 or

less, the plots are evaluating water mixtures with proportionally greater amounts of CBNG water so that a minimum effects threshold could be determined. Each plot was replicated three times at each site. Additionally, a split plot design was used so that two rotations could be assessed. Soil and crop/forage samples are collected from all plots annually to assess trends in soil chemistry, yield or quality. Results of the test plots experiment are described in a companion report.

3.0 Quality Assurance Plan

3.1 Quality Assurance Objectives

The objective of the quality assurance plan is to ensure that data collected in the Tongue River AMPP are of adequate quality to provide agronomic advice for Tier 1 and 2 fields, to differentiate spatial and temporal soil chemical trends for Tier 2 samples, and to evaluate the effects of combining water produced from CBNG operations with Tongue River water on irrigated crop production, forage quality and soil chemistry in Tier 3 samples. The following field and laboratory quality assurance steps were used to ensure that data are useable for the aforementioned objectives, and that data are of measurable and acceptable quality.

3.2 Field Sampling Methodology

Field samples were collected using a combination of grab and composite sampling techniques. Sample collection techniques were noted for each sample on chain-of-custody forms and in a field notebook. Samples tags were designated using a convention that describes the type of sample, its depth of collection, and the general location, while maintaining the specific location confidential. Each landowner field was provided with a unique site designation (e.g. MA in example), which preserved the anonymity of the landowners.

Example sample designation **T2 MA-10 (0-6”)**

Tier 1, 2, or 3 program

Tongue River stream reach &
Arbitrary site designation within reach

Sample Code: 1 – reference pedon, 10 – field composite,
11-30 discrete sample, 50 field replicate sample,
TP1-2-4 (test plot, replicate, and plot number)

Depth (inches)

Record Cropping System Information – Each landowner is interviewed annually (generally during the fall sampling) to determine field history, planting dates and rates, cropping sequence, yields, herbicide use, soil amendments (fertilizers, etc.), soil testing, grazing history, irrigation dates and rates, and irrigation scheduling methods. This data is recorded on a three-part form titled “Soil Sampling Information” that both the cooperator and Neal Fehringer sign to verify data accuracy. During each soil sampling and crop harvesting event, a “Field Inspection Report” is filled out by Neal Fehringer. This report lists the AMPP site inspected; crop in the field; crop stage and condition; weeds, insects, and diseases as well as recommended controls; soil moisture probes; and recommended irrigation

start dates. This form is only signed by the agronomist. Copies of both reports are given to the landowners to be filed in their AMPP notebook.

Identify Soil Sampling Locations – During the initial fall 2003 sampling, sample collection locations were selected based on soil mapping information, landowner input, and location of underground utilities, if any. A representative sampling area was designated within the dominant soil series mapped within each field. Two types of samples were initially collected within the designated sampling area: reference soil horizon samples collected from a backhoe pit and composite samples collected from selected depth intervals.

Reference Pedon Description and Sampling (Initial Sampling Event only) – The reference soil horizon sampling was only conducted once, at program inception. A detailed soil description was developed for each field and soil horizon samples were collected in the fall of 2003. A trench was excavated to a depth of 60 inches. The trench location was identified using a GPS unit. The soil profile was described using methods from *Field Book for Describing and Sampling Soils Version 2.0* (Schoenenberger et al. 2002). Soil samples were collected from each horizon and the general landform and vegetation features were also noted. The soil profile and associated field were photographed.

Composite Sample Collection and Handling – Composite soil samples are collected from the same locations periodically during the AMPP sampling program. A composite sampling transect was initially laid out within the target soil mapping unit for each field using an irregular pattern, which depended on field and soil unit size and geometry. All composite locations were marked with survey flags. A minimum of 1 sub-sample was used for each 5 acres of field area, with a minimum of 10 sub-samples per field. The first composite sample was co-located with the reference pedon location. Each composite sub-sample site was located using a global positioning system (GPS). For later sampling events, the original field composite sites were located using a survey grade field GPS unit.

A truck mounted Giddings hydraulic probe was used to collect sub-samples from seven depth increments (0 to 2, 0 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36, 36 to 60, and 60 to 96 inches) at each sub-sample location. Sub-samples were placed into separate clearly marked collection buckets. When all samples were collected from a field, the soil material from each depth was thoroughly mixed and a final composited sample was tagged and placed in a plastic bag. If the overall sample volume was too large, the final composite sample was collected using a riffle splitter.

Sample Transport - Samples were transferred under chain-of-custody to Energy Laboratories within the appropriate holding period. Samples were stored in coolers or similar containers and sealed with chain-of-custody seals.

3.3 Chain of Custody and Sample Management

All samples were maintained within a chain of custody to prevent tampering with sample integrity. Custody seals were placed on all shipping containers used for transporting samples from the field, and custody sheets corresponded to each batch of samples. After signature by lab personnel indicating release of the samples, the chain-of-custody forms were archived.

3.4 Laboratory Methods of Analysis

Standard analytical methods were used for determination of all soil properties as described in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1. List of extractions and analytical procedure used for the Tongue River samples.

Analytical Suite	Analyte	Extraction	Deter-mination see below	Units Comments
Preparation All Soil Samples	Oven dry	Air dry or oven dry to constant weight at not more than 50 Celsius	NA	Report air dry water content on weight basis
	Grind	Grind in flail type laboratory mill	NA	
	Sieve	Sieve through ASTM #10, 2mm sieve	NA-	Report coarse fragment weight percentage
	Subsample split	Use riffle type splitter	NA	
Suite 1	pH	Saturation extract [5]	9040 [4]	Standard units
	EC	Saturation extract [5]	D1125-95A [6]	Deci siemens/m
	Soluble calcium	Saturation extract [5]	200.7 [2]	meq/L
	Soluble magnesium	Saturation extract [5]	200.7 [2]	meq/L
	Soluble sodium	Saturation extract [5]	200.7 [2]	meq/L
	SAR	NA	NA	Calculation - (Na/((Ca+Mg)/2)^.5, ions in meq/L
	Chloride (Spring 2004 samples only)	Saturation extract [5]	300.0 [2]	mg/L
	Saturation percentage	Saturation extract [5]	Oven dry	Weight %, oven dry basis
Suite 2	CEC	8-3: CEC or arid soils [5]	200.7 [2]	meq/100g
	ESP	13-3.3.1: Ammonium acetate extract [5]	200.7 [2]	Calculation – (NH_4OAc Extr Na - soluble Na)/CEC, in meq/100g
	texture	Mechanical analysis by hydrometer [5]	Oven dry	8-hr hydrometer method for clay, Weight %, oven dry basis
	Alkalinity	Saturation extract [5]	2320B [7]	
	Lime (%)	Lime [5] or suitable alternate method		Weight %, oven dry basis
Suite 3	Nitrate as N	KCl extract	353.2 [3]	mg/kg soil
	Sulfate as S	Saturation extract [5]	200.7 [2]	meq/L
Suite 4	Organic matter	Walkley Black [5]	NA	Weight %, oven dry basis
	Phosphorus	24-5.4|: Olson (sodium bicarbonate) [5]	200.7 [2]	mg/kg soil
	Potassium	13-3.3.1: Ammonium	NA	mg/kg soil

Analytical Suite	Analyte	Extraction	Deter-mination see below	Units Comments
		acetate [5]		
	Zinc	19-3.3: DTPA [5]	200.7 [2]	mg/kg soil
Suite 5	Barium	Hot water extract [5]	200.7 [2]	mg/kg soil
	Boron	Hot water extract [5]	200.7 [2]	mg/kg soil
	Fluoride	Hot water extract [5]	4110 B [7] or 300.0 [3]	mg/kg soil
	Selenium	Hot water extract [5]	200.8 [2]	mg/kg soil
Suite 6	Clay mineralogy	NA	NA	Prepare 25 g split sample for submission to outside laboratory

[1]*Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes. 1979. (EPA/600/4-79/020)*
[2]*Methods for the Determination of Metals in Environmental Samples Supplement 1. 1994. (EPA/600/R-94/111)*
[3]*Methods for the Determination of Inorganic Substances in Environmental Samples (EPA/600/R-93/100)*
[4]*Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes – Chemical and Physical Methods. EPA SW-846*
[5]*Agronomy Monograph Number 9 (19XX)*
[6]*Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vols. 11.01 and 11.02*
[7]*Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 18th, 19th & 20th Editions*

3.5 Quality Assurance Samples

Field and laboratory quality assurance samples were used to control and measure the numerical accuracy and precision of the samples collected in the Tongue River AMPP (Table 3-2).

Table 3-2. Quality assurance samples, frequency, and control limits for the Tongue River samples.

QA Test	Field or Lab Method	Description	Frequency	Control Limits	Audit Procedure
Blind Field Preparation Duplicate	Field	Split randomly selected sample in field and submit blind to lab	1:20	Precision less than 30 % RPD	Flag results that fail
Lab Control Sample	Lab	Run well-mixed field sample in each batch	Min freq of 1:20 or 1/batch	Accuracy 80 to 120% of mean value	Re-calibrate prior to running batch
Lab duplicate	Lab	Randomly selected split sample	Min freq of 1:20 or 1/batch	Precision less than 20 % RPD	Flag samples that fail if average concentration in pair is greater than 2 times MDL
Spike Recovery	Lab	Digestate solution spike (not matrix spike), to determine recovery	Min freq of 1:20 or 1/batch	Accuracy 80 to 120% based on percent spike recovery	Flag samples that fail if concentration in spiked sample is greater than 2 times MDL

*Precision - Relative Percent Difference (RPD) = 100*abs (Value$_1$ – Value$_2$)/(Value $_{mean}$)* [1]
Accuracy - Percent Recovery (PR) = 100 (Measured LCS Value– Reference LCS Value)/(Reference LCS Value)* [2]
Accuracy - Percent Spike Recovery (PR) = 100 (Spiked Value– Unspiked Value)/(Spike Level)* [3]

3.6 Use and Distribution of Analytical Results

All analytical results including quality assurance samples are distributed to the public on the Energy Laboratory WEB site (http://www.energylab.com). Only landowner/cooperators were provided with the code corresponding to their fields. General information about AMPP is available on a WEB site dedicated to AMPP (http://tongueriverampp.com).

3.7 Field QA Results

Blind field samples were collected during each sampling event at a frequency of 1 in 20 samples. Duplicates were selected at random and were collected by splitting a prepared sample in a riffle-type splitter to minimize variability attributed to sample collection or splitting. Paired samples were submitted "blind" to the laboratory meaning that they did not know what natural sample to which a QA sample corresponded. Sample results were compared using relative percent difference, which is a measure of the precision of the sample splitting process and the laboratory sample management and analysis (Eqn 1). The control limit developed for the blind field samples was 30 %.

With the exception of nitrate determinations (Table 3-3 and Figure 3-0), overall average results were within control limits established for blind field duplicates. The cause for the poor reproducibility of nitrate determinations will be investigated and corrected, if possible.

Precision - Relative Percent Difference (RPD) = $100 * \text{abs}\,(\text{Value}_1 - \text{Value}_2)/(\text{Value}_{\text{mean}})$ [1]

All blind field duplicates for saturation percentage, pH, lime, organic matter, Olsen phosphorus, ammonia acetate extractable potassium, DTPA extractable zinc, and water soluble boron and fluoride were within control limits. A variable number of individual data pairs differed by more than 30 % including 10 of 41 determinations for soluble calcium, 11 of 41 for magnesium, 13 of 41 determinations for soluble sodium, and 16 of 41 measurements of exchangeable sodium percentage.

Based on QA measurements, individual measurements of soil parameters that use standard laboratory techniques may be expected to vary from a duplicate analysis by an average of 14 % and can vary by more than 30 %. The potential magnitude of sampling and laboratory error must be considered when comparing results of samples collected on different dates. Differences of up to 30 % may result from variation caused by standard sampling and laboratory practice and may not reflect actual changes in soil properties. For example, the fall 2006 samples had much poorer QA results (35.2 % average RPD) than in previous sampling campaigns (11.8 to 19.5 % average RPD). The internal laboratory QA results for fall 2006 were consistent with earlier groups of samples, so the poor results in 2006 were likely the result of inadequate sample splitting, incorrect sample labeling or sample mismanagement after collection. Care will be taken in subsequent sampling events to ensure that split samples are homogeneous. Collection of a large number of samples using careful collection techniques, such as employed in the AMPP program, reduces the effects of sampling and analytical variability (which are random and unbiased) so that changes in soil chemistry smaller than 15 to 30 % can be detected. Additionally, use of a rigid QA program provides appropriate feedback to maintain careful sampling, sample management, and laboratory technique.

Table 3-3. Results of field quality assurance analysis of blind field duplicates expressed as relative percent difference among data pairs.

Parameter	Fall, 2003	No. Pairs	Spring, 2004	No. Pairs	Fall, 2004	No. Pairs	Fall, 2005	No. Pairs	Fall, 2006	No. Pairs	Overall
Saturation Percentage	4.7%	18	4.0%	5	4.3%	6	2.0%	6	10.9%	6	5.1%
pH (Paste)	1.0%	18	2.9%	5	0.6%	6	0.4%	6	1.1%	6	1.1%
Electrical Conductivity (Paste)	10.2%	18	17.6%	5	16.4%	6	17.7%	6	48.7%	6	18.7%
Calcium (Paste)	20.7%	18	23.4%	5	12.0%	6	22.1%	6	55.5%	6	25.1%
Magnesium (Paste)	16.3%	18	24.5%	5	16.5%	6	28.2%	6	59.6%	6	25.4%
Sodium (Paste)	15.0%	18	17.8%	5	21.1%	6	34.4%	6	62.4%	6	26.0%
Sodium Adsorp-tion Ratio	11.2%	18	15.7%	5	14.0%	6	23.0%	6	37.9%	6	17.8%
Alkalinity (Paste)	10.9%	18	27.7%	5	9.1%	2	NA		19.5%	6	11.4%
Chloride (Paste)	NA	-	45.9%	5	9.4%	1	NA		93.0%	6	19.9%
Cation Exch-ange Capacity	12.2%	18	12.3%	5	6.0%	6	5.5%	6	25.2%	6	12.2%
Exchangeable Sodium	12.5%	18	28.7%	5	14.0%	6	16.8%	6	36.4%	6	18.8%
Exchangeable Sodium Percentage	23.3%	18	31.9%	5	21.3%	6	28.8%	6	33.3%	6	26.3%
Lime as CaCO3	6.4%	18	4.1%	5	2.3%	6	7.2%	6	15.3%	6	6.9%
Sand	12.5%	17	16.2%	5	25.3%	6	5.2%	6	25.0%	6	15.7%
Silt	4.1%	18	7.0%	5	3.1%	6	5.6%	6	12.4%	6	5.7%
Clay	7.8%	18	11.4%	5	9.0%	6	10.1%	6	27.8%	6	11.7%
Nitrate as N	41.3%	7	67.1%	2	38.6%	1	NA		NA		46.2%
Sulfate (Paste)	12.7%	7	27.1%	3	1.2%	1	NA		NA		15.6%
Organic Matter	7.9%	2	NA	-	NA	-	NA		NA		7.9%
Phosphorus	8.3%	2	NA	-	NA	-	NA		NA		8.3%
Potassium	3.8%	2	NA	-	NA	-	NA		NA		3.8%
Zinc	6.2%	2	NA	-	NA	-	NA		NA		6.2%
Barium	NA	-	22.2%	2	NA	-	NA		NA		22.2%
Boron	0.0%	2	7.2%	2	NA	-	NA		NA		3.6%
Fluoride	NA	-	13.1%	2	NA	-	NA		NA		13.1%
Selenium	NA	-	20.9%	2	NA	-	NA		NA		20.9%
Average RPD	**11.8%**	**18**	**19.5%**	**5**	**11.8%**	**6**	**15.2%**	**6**	**35.2%**	**6.0%**	**13.5%**

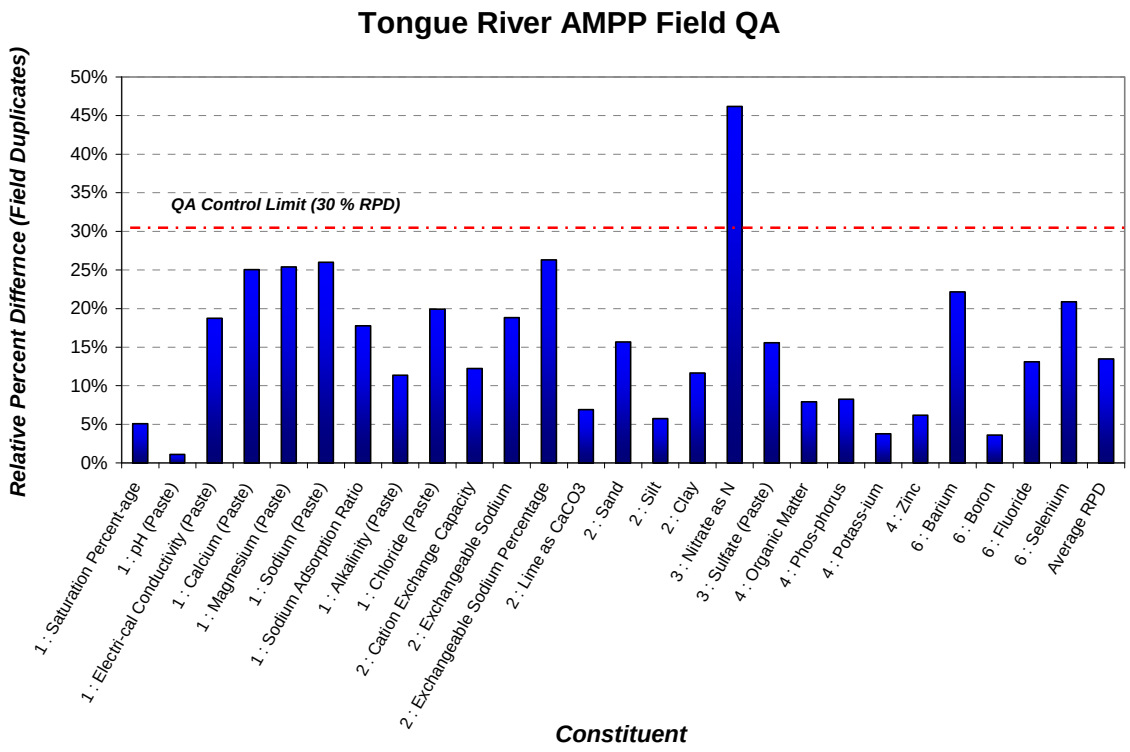

Figure 3-0. 2003-2006 Result averages of field quality assurance analysis of blind field duplicates expressed as relative percent difference among data pairs.

3.8 Depth Variability of Soil Data

The variability of field measurements due to sampling and laboratory techniques was found to account for variations of up to 15 to 30 %. Another source of soil variability is natural spatial variation that occurs laterally and with depth. AMPP was designed to minimize effects of spatial variability by using composite soil samples and by using standardized soil sample depths. However, it is important to understand the magnitude of spatial variability, especially when comparing AMPP data to soils data compiled from other sources.

Soil properties often vary with depth. Natural soil-forming processes and agricultural management tend to amplify differences in soil properties within the soil profile. These changes result principally from the fact that the water content, water movement, temperature, and biological activity in soils all vary with depth. Surface soil layers typically have more flux of water, have more pronounced seasonal variation in water content and temperature, and have more biological activity (e.g. root mass and microbial activity) than in deeper layers. Through hundreds to thousands of years, these processes tend to increase organic matter levels, decrease pH, and remove soluble salts and lime near the soil surface. Soluble salts, lime, and clay minerals often accumulate within or near the base of the root zone at 24 to 30 inches.

Tongue River soils data were used to assess the degree of variability in soil properties with depth (section 5.2.1). Most soil properties including physical properties such as texture and chemical properties such as EC and exchangeable sodium percentage (ESP) were found to vary significantly with depth. The effect of soil depth on soil properties is important because

any monitoring program which seeks to compare two or more soils, or identify trends in soil properties through time must carefully control the depth of sampling. Soil properties in areas within a field that have been eroded, leveled, or have received recent sediment deposition may be significantly different than more stable portions of the same field.

3.9 Spatial Variability of Soil Data

Another important factor which influences variability of soil monitoring data is lateral spatial variability. In order to assess the degree of spatial variability in AMPP fields, each composite sub-sample collected in the upper 24 inches from two representative fields were individually analyzed. Field MA, which was 60 acres in size, was sampled using 12 sub-samples, while field YAA (19.3 acres) had 10 sub-samples.

Results of the spatial variability tests are shown for field MA in Figure 3-1 through 3-3. Spatial location of the individual samples is shown on the X and Y axis, while the size of the symbol at each location indicates the value measured for each soil property. Results for the 0 to 6, 6 to 12, and 12 to 24 inch layer are shown on the left, middle and right respectively. Results for selected parameters in field YAA are shown in Figure 3-4.

A measure of the variability of the individual samples can be obtained by determining the standard deviation, a measure of variability. Standard deviation is divided by the mean to determine the coefficient of variability (CV). A series of measurements that has a CV of 20 % means that 67 % of the samples will fall within 80 to 120 % of the mean while about 16 % of sample will be less than 80 % of the mean and 16 % greater than 120 % of the mean.

Results of spatial variability testing (Table 3-4) showed that soil pH had little variability, soil texture had CV values from 10 to 40 %, and chemical properties such as EC, SAR, and ESP had the greatest variability, with CV ranging from 20 % to over 100 %. In general, the variability of chemical properties was greatest deeper in the soil profile. The large variability that occurs within a field indicates that a reliable soil testing program designed to identify trends should use the same sampling locations each time the field is sampled.

Table 3-4. Spatial variability of individual samples collected at three depths from randomly spaced locations in fields MA and YAA.

Site and Depth	pH, Saturated Paste	Conduct-ivity, Paste Extract	Calcium, Saturated Paste	Magnes-ium, Saturated Paste	Sodium, Saturated Paste	Sodium Adsorp-tion Ratio (SAR)	Satura-tion	Cation Ex-change Capacity	Exchan-geable Sodium Percent-age	Lime as CaCO3	Sand	Silt	Clay
	Coefficient of Variability (Population standard deviation divided by the mean)												
MA 0-6	1.2%	14.7%	14.9%	19.3%	36.8%	35.4%	9.7%	19.1%	18.7%	20.6%	30.3%	11.5%	10.8%
MA 6-12	1.7%	21.7%	31.5%	36.0%	48.7%	52.0%	14.5%	17.6%	20.6%	18.6%	44.2%	12.4%	20.0%
MA 12-24	3.2%	55.3%	37.4%	87.3%	107.7%	96.1%	11.4%	27.8%	48.6%	19.4%	53.5%	17.6%	17.4%
YAA 0-6	1.7%	77.4%	120.2%	120.9%	55.2%	17.6%	13.7%						
YAA 6-12	1.9%	63.3%	94.1%	96.5%	48.0%	17.1%	16.9%						
YAA 12-24	1.3%	65.1%	64.2%	72.8%	88.0%	46.9%	13.7%						

Field MA is 60 acres in size and consisted of 12 subsamples, field YAA is 19.3 acres in size and consists of 10 subsamples.

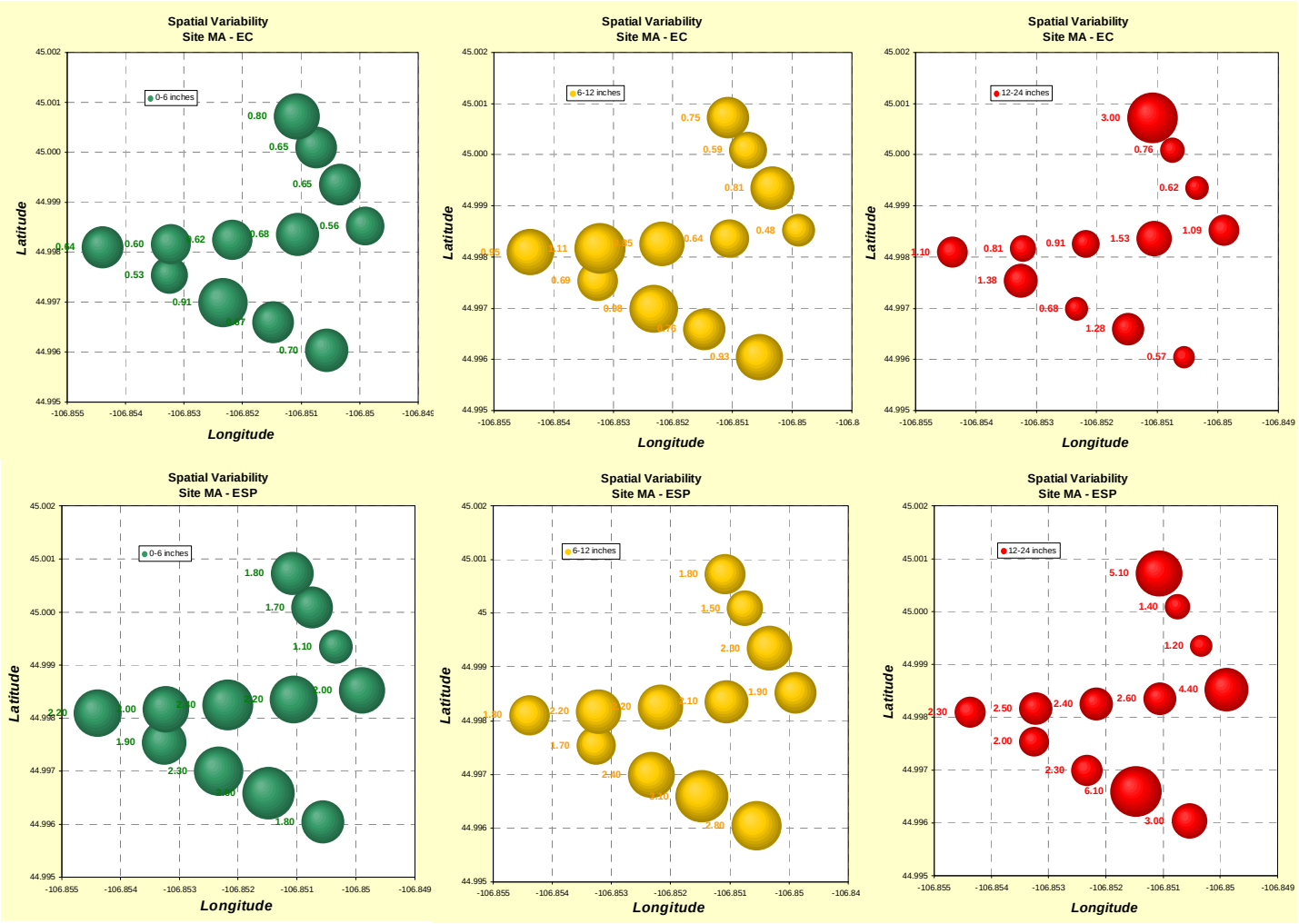

Figure 3-1. Variation in electrical conductivity (dS/m) and exchangeable sodium percentage (%) for 12 composite samples from site MA collected at three depths 0 to 6 inches (green-left), 6 to 12 inches (yellow-middle), and 12 to 24 inches (red-right). The size of the symbol indicates the EC and ESP values.

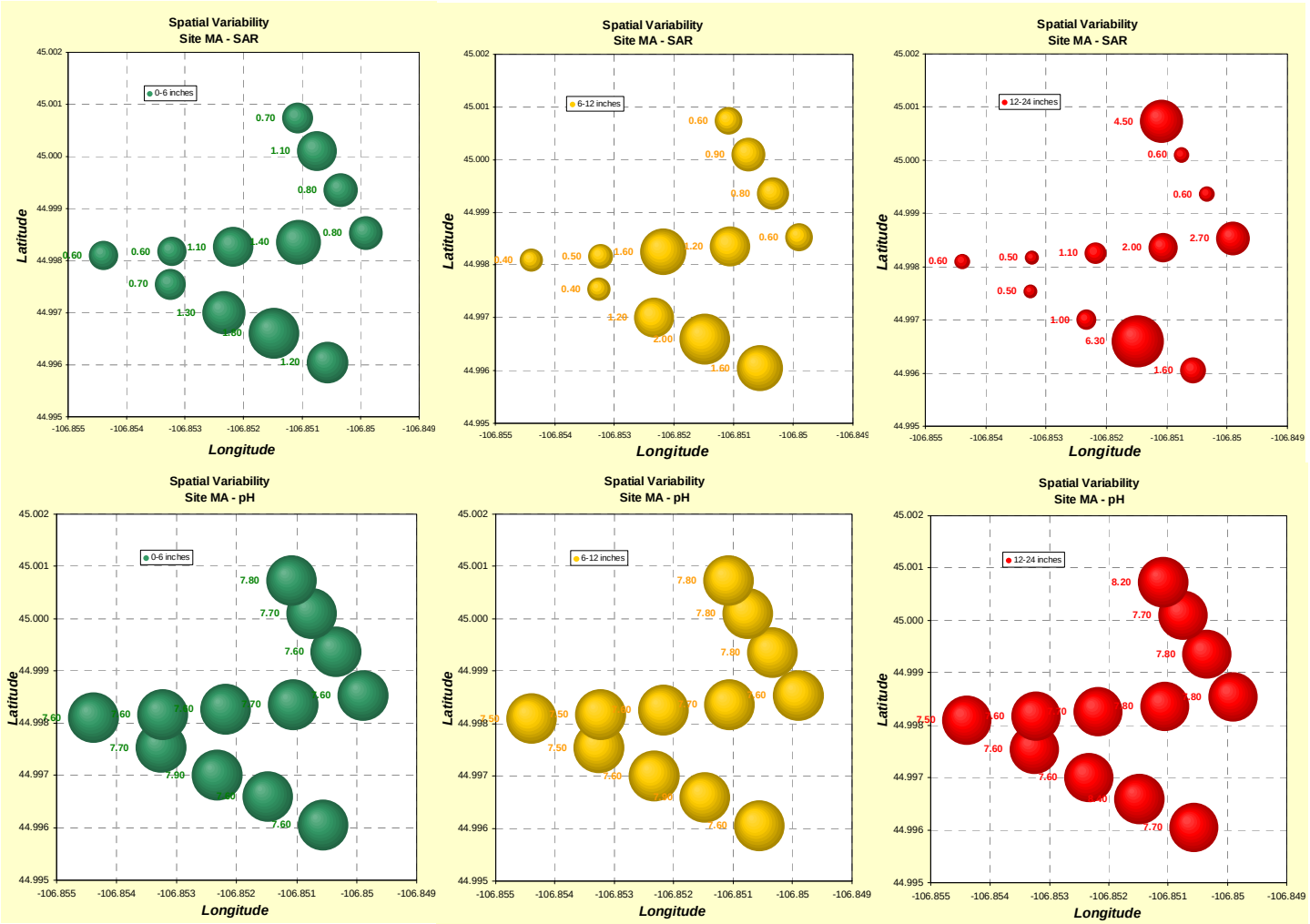

Figure 3-2. Variation in sodium adsorption ratio and pH for 12 composite samples from site MA collected at three depths 0 to 6 inches (green-left), 6 to 12 inches (yellow-middle), and 12 to 24 inches (red-right). The size of the symbol indicates the SAR and pH values.

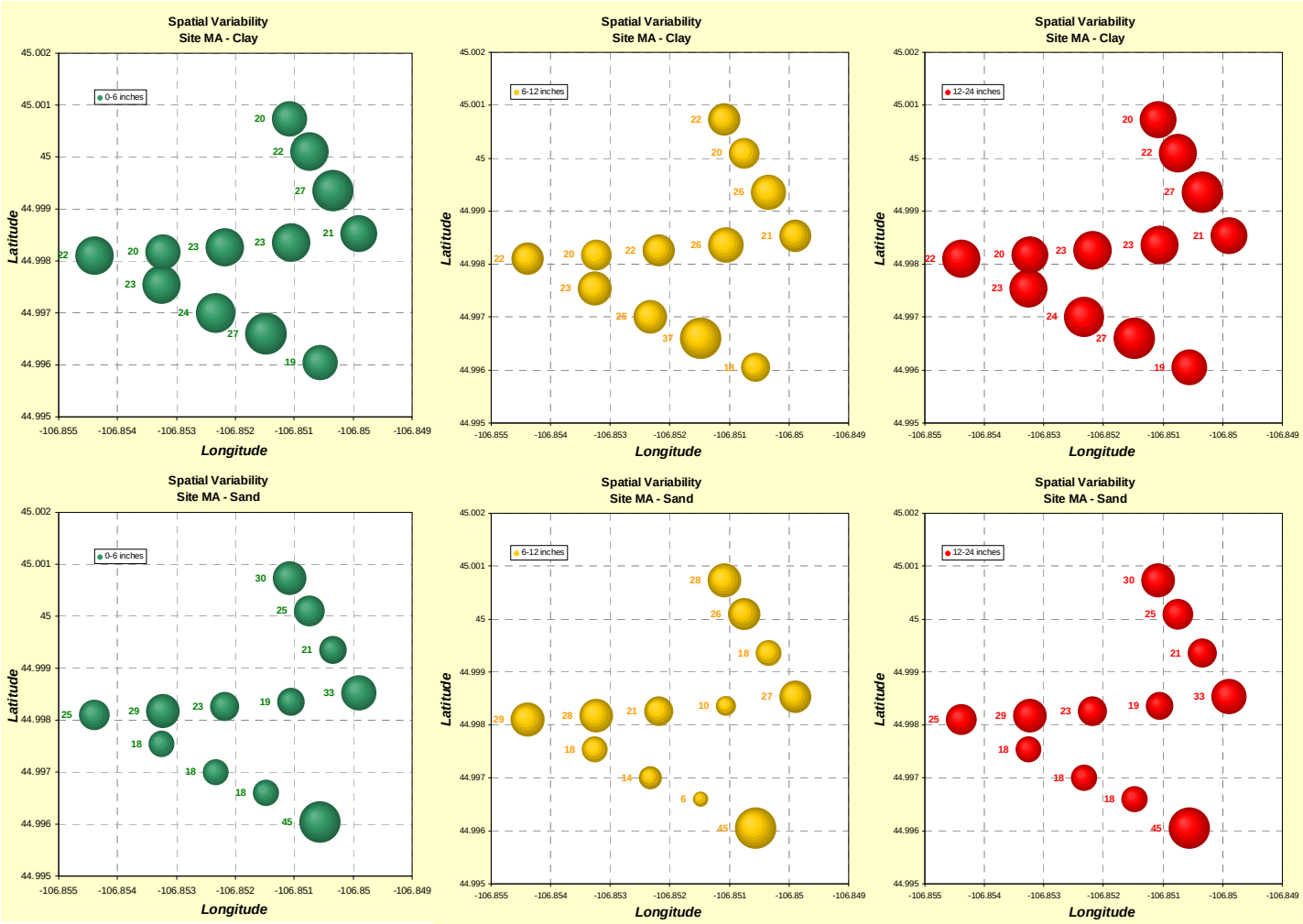

Figure 3-3. Variation in clay and sand content (%) for 12 composite samples from site MA collected at three depths 0 to 6 inches (green-left), 6 to 12 inches (yellow-middle), and 12 to 24 inches (red-right). The size of the symbol indicates the clay and sand values.

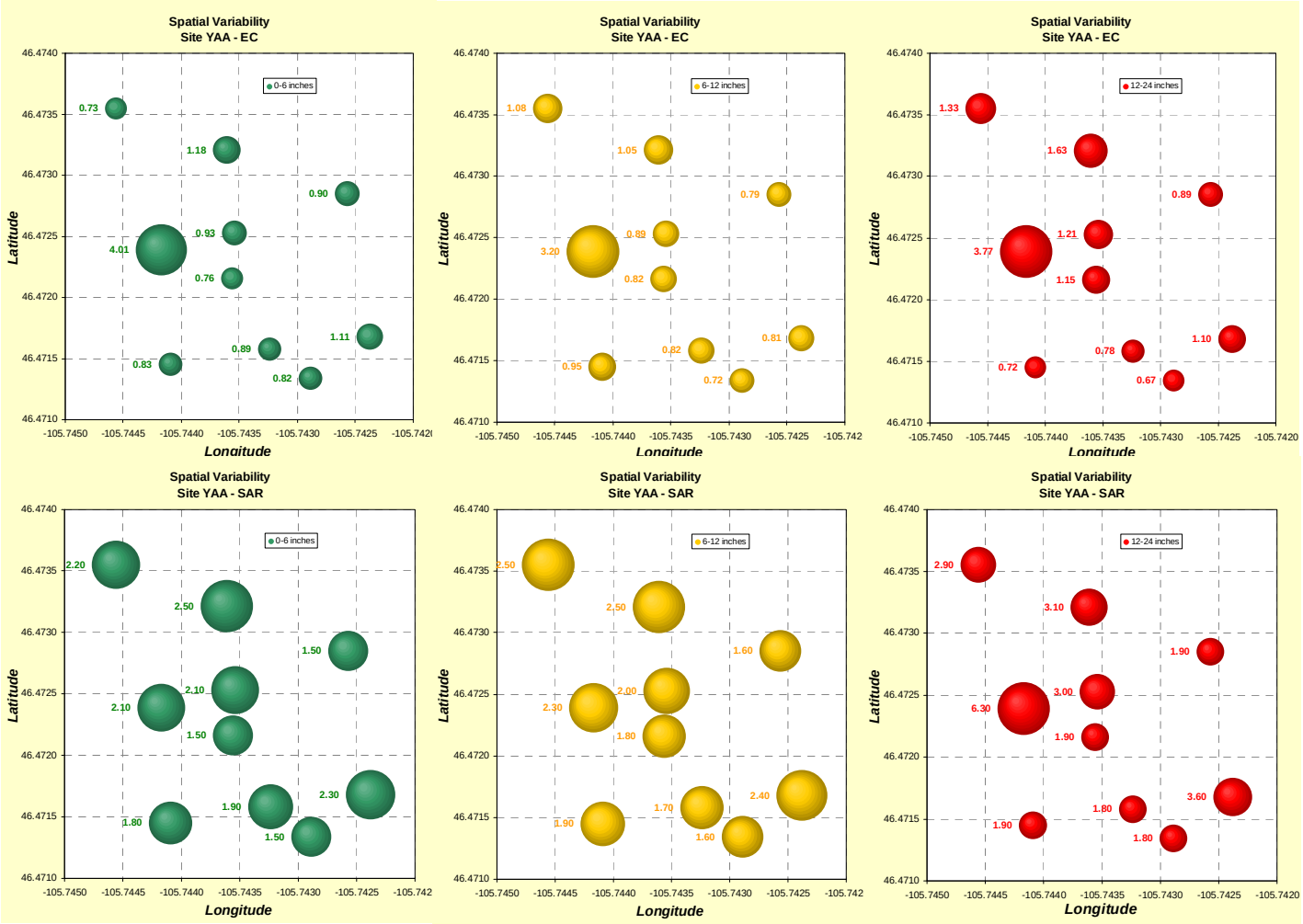

Figure 3-4. Variation in electrical conductivity (dS/m) and sodium adsorption ratio for 10 composite samples from site YAA collected at three depths 0 to 6 inches (green-left), 6 to 12 inches (yellow-middle), and 12 to 24 inches (red-right). The size of the symbol indicates the EC and SAR values.

Table 3-5 illustrates the magnitude of errors that may result from selecting a single soil sample (as opposed to a composite sample as was used in AMPP) to represent an entire field. For example, in field MA, average surface EC was 0.67 dS/m, but individual samples varied from 0.53 to 0.91 dS/m. Even greater differences occurred at depth, where in field YAA, average EC from 12 to 24 inches was 1.33 dS/m, but individual samples varied from 0.67 to 3.77 dS/m. Table 3-6 provides an estimate of error associated with the estimated mean EC at 0 to 6 and 12 to 24 inches in field MA for varying numbers of composite samples. The estimated mean for a field cannot be precisely derived using 10 or even 100 composite sub-samples, but 10 samples yields precision that is comparable to larger numbers of samples, and is far superior to use of a single sampling location. Additionally, when the same sub-sample locations are used each time a field is sampled, field variability is eliminated and chronological results should more precisely identify trends than if sub-sample locations are changed with each sampling event.

Table 3-5. Average, low, and high electrical conductivity measurements from samples collected at three depths in fields MA and YAA.

Location	Average	Lowest	Highest	Std Dev	Coef Var
	Electrical Conductivity Paste (dS/m)				
MA 0-6	0.67	0.53	0.91	0.10	14.7%
MA 6-12	0.79	0.48	1.11	0.17	21.7%
MA 12-24	1.14	0.57	3.00	0.63	55.3%
YAA 0-6	1.22	0.73	4.01	0.94	77.4%
YAA 6-12	1.11	0.72	3.20	0.70	63.3%
YAA 12-24	1.33	0.67	3.77	0.86	65.1%

Field MA is 60 acres in size and consisted of 12 subsamples, field YAA is 19.3 acres in size and consists of 10 subsamples.

Table 3-6. Effect of number of composite sub-samples on the potential error in measuring the electrical conductivity (dS/m) at site MA for the 0 to 6 and 12 to 24 inch depths.

Location	Sample Size	Mean	Std Error	Lowest 5 %	Highest 95 %
MA 0-6	1	0.67	0.10	0.51	0.83
MA 0-6	2	0.67	0.07	0.55	0.78
MA 0-6	5	0.67	0.04	0.60	0.74
MA 0-6	10	0.67	0.03	0.62	0.72
MA 0-6	100	0.67	0.01	0.65	0.68
MA 12-24	1	1.14	0.63	0.10	2.19
MA 12-24	2	1.14	0.45	0.41	1.88
MA 12-24	5	1.14	0.28	0.68	1.61
MA 12-24	10	1.14	0.20	0.81	1.47
MA 12-24	100	1.14	0.06	1.04	1.25

3.10 Lab QA Results

The laboratory quality assurance program consists of several steps including instrument calibration and continuing calibration verification, laboratory duplicate determinations, analysis of laboratory control samples, and measurement of the recovery of known amount of constituent added to soil extractions. The laboratory quality control process insures that data are of a known and consistent quality. Inspection of the lab control reports indicates that the analyte spike recoveries, duplicates, lab control samples, and other QA procedure were within established control limits.

4.0 Initial Soil and Site Characterization

Sixteen fields were selected for study in Tier 2 AMPP (Table 4-1). Ten fields were irrigated with Tongue River water and were located along the entire length of the River from above the Tongue River Reservoir to the lower T&Y Irrigation District east of Miles City. Two additional Tongue River fields were selected that were non-irrigated, but were located in a similar landscape position and had similar soils as the nearby Tier 2 fields. Two fields were irrigated with water from Tongue River tributaries (Hanging Woman and Otter Creek), and two reference fields were irrigated with Yellowstone River and Big Horn River water. Throughout this report sites are discussed in order starting with the most upstream Tongue River sites, and ending with sites irrigated with Tributary water or other irrigation sources.

Table 4-1. Characteristics of sites selected for Tier 2 AMPP monitoring.

Site	Irrigation	Irrigation Water Source	County	Mapped Soil Series	Mapped Classification
MA	Irrigated/Pivot	Tongue	Big Horn	Hfa - Haverson loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) mesic Ustic Torrifluvents
LA	Irrigated/Side-roll	Tongue	Big Horn	Hfa - Haverson loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) mesic Ustic Torrifluvents
GA	Irrigated/Side-roll	Tongue	Rosebud	99 - Havre loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents
GB	Dryland	NA	Rosebud	99 - Havre loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents
GC	Irrigated/Flood	Tongue	Rosebud	99 - Havre loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents
EA	Irrigated/Flood	Tongue	Rosebud	197 - Yamac loam	fine-loamy, mixed Borollic Camborthids
DB	Irrigated/Pivot	Tongue	Custer	901 - Sonnett thin surface	fine, montmorillonitic frigid Typic Eutroboralfs
DA	Dryland until 2003, then Irrigated/Pivot	Tongue	Custer	99 - Havre silty clay loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents
BA	Irrigated/Flood	Tongue	Custer	79A - Yamacall loam	fine-loamy, mixed, frigid Aridic Ustochrepts
BD	Dryland	NA	Custer	47A - Harlake silty clay	fine, montmorillonitic (calcareous) frigid Aridic Ustifluvents
BC	Irrigated/Flood	Tongue	Custer	47A - Harlake silty clay	fine, montmorillonitic (calcareous) frigid Aridic Ustifluvents
YAA	Irrigated/Flood	Tongue	Custer	53A - Kobase silty clay loam	fine, montmorillonitic, frigid Aridic Ustochrepts
MB	Irrigated/Flood	Prairie Dog	Sheridan	171 - Kishona (50%) Cambria (30%)	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) Mesic Ustic Torriorthernts
OAA	Irrigated/Flood	Otter	Rosebud	99 - Havre loam	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents
YBA	Irrigated/Flood	Yellowstone	Custer	47A - Harlake silty clay	fine, montmorillonitic (calcareous) frigid Aridic Ustifluvents
BHA	Irrigated/Flood	Big Horn	Big Horn	Bs - Bew silty clay loam	fine, montmorillonitic mesic Ustollic Haplargids

4.1 Tongue River Irrigated and Dryland Sites

4.1.1 Site MA

Site MA is the most upstream sample in the AMPP program, and is located just north of the Wyoming-Montana boundary and about 4.1 km (2.5 mi) from the point where the Tongue River first enters Montana (Figure 4-1). The site is located below most, but not all, of the Fidelity water discharge points and is above the confluence of Prairie Dog Creek, a tributary that drains nearly 25 % of the upper Tongue River watershed. The center-pivot sprinkler irrigated field lies on a nearly level floodplain area within a large meander bend of the Tongue River floodplain (Figure 4-2). At the time of first sampling, the field had been recently planted to alfalfa and had a poor to moderate crop stand with significant weed growth and some bare areas.

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit Hfa - Haverson loam and unit Hfd – Haverson silty clay loam (Figure 4-3). These soils are undeveloped floodplain soils with 18 to 35 % clay, which have moderate amounts of organic matter that is stratified with depth, and contain ample amounts of lime throughout the profile. The two units differ only in that Hfd has a slightly more clayey surface layer.

The pedon described and sampled at site MA was fairly typical of soils mapped as Halverson loam (Table 4-2). Clay content was variable with depth and ranged from 22 to 30 %. Dominant clay minerals were illite and kaolinite, which are non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. Soil pH (7.6) was mildly alkaline and moderate levels of lime (10 %) occurred at all depths. Both pH and lime content were unchanged with depth owing to the lack of soil profile development in these recent river deposits. EC was moderate (1 to 2 dS/m) throughout the profile. Both SAR (0.4 to 1.0) and ESP (1.8 to 2.3) were low at all depths. Nutrient levels were generally adequate except for available zinc which was moderately low, and nitrogen which was also low for crops other than alfalfa which obtains its own nitrogen source from the atmosphere.

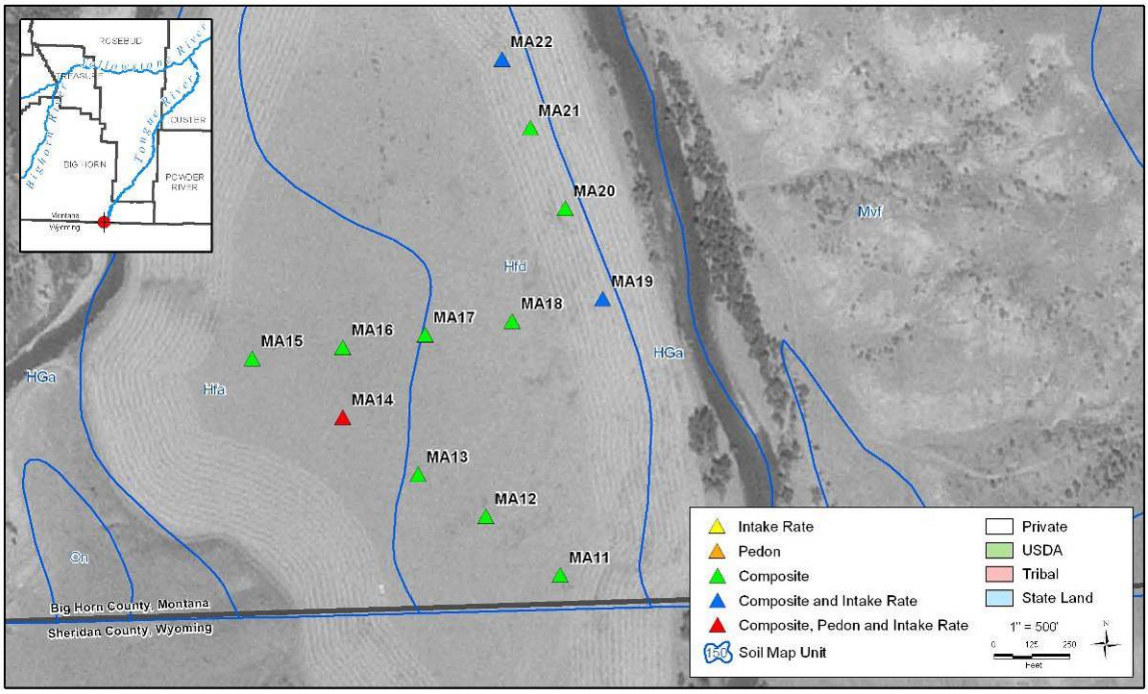

Figure 4-1. Map of site MA.

Figure 4-2. Landscape view of site MA.

Profile description for soil pit MA-14.

Landscape position:	Terrace/floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Bighorn County, Haverson Series.
Vegetation:	Seeded alfalfa/weeds.
Management Status:	Center pivot sprinkler irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	1% slopes with a northeast facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) mesic Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap1	0 to 5	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist silt loam; weak, medium, platy parting to weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; loose, loose, slightly sticky, and non-plastic; common fine and few medium roots; common, medium, irregular, discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
Ap2	5 to 10	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silt loam; weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, very friable, slightly sticky, and non-plastic; common fine roots; common, medium, irregular, discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
Bw	10 to 26	Light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) dry and olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist silty clay loam; weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; common, fine, irregular, discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; soft white masses; clear smooth boundary.
C2k	26 to 37	Light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/4) moist silty clay loam; massive; hard, friable, slightly sticky, and non-plastic; few fine roots; few, fine, irregular, discontinuous pores; violently effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C3	37 to 65	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/3) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) moist silty clay loam; massive; hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few fine roots; few, fine, irregular, discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; stratified by dark organic-like zones 1 to 6 inches thick.

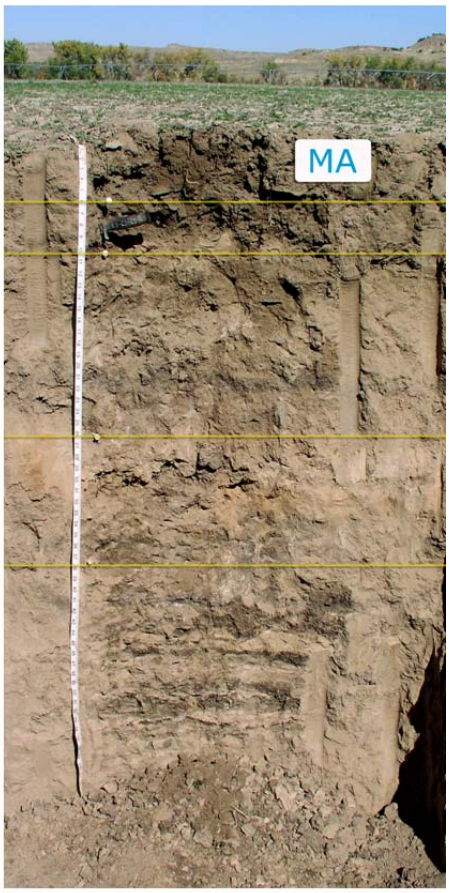

Photo of Soil Pit MA-14.

Notes:

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Figure 4-3. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site MA.

Table 4-2. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site MA.

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Ap1	0	5	562	7.6	0.64	2.05	8.4	SiL	24	52	24
Ap2	5	10	529	7.6	0.72		9.6	SiL	24	54	22
Bw	10	26	603	7.6	1.45		11.1	SiCL	12	61	27
C2k	26	37	518	7.6	1.85		15.4	SiCL	16	57	27
C3	37	65	580	7.5	0.98		8.5	SiCL	16	54	30

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Ap1	0	5	40.7	3.7	1.7	1.1	0.7	4.8	27.2	0.6	2.1
Ap2	5	10	40.6	4.7	2.3	0.8	0.4	3.2	22.3	0.6	2.3
Bw	10	26	48.4	6.8	5.1	1.5	0.6	2.6	30	0.6	1.8
C2k	26	37	45.7	9	9.3	2.8	0.9	2.1	25.3	0.6	2.1
C3	37	65	47.8	4.7	3.4	2	1	2.2	29.3	0.7	2.2

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Ap1	0	5	26	52	17	5	10.9	23	502	1.8	0.38
Ap2	5	10					34.8			1.8	
Bw	10	26	37	43	17	2	124			1.1	
C2k	26	37									
C3	37	65									

4.1.2 Site LA

Site LA is located just upstream of the Tongue River Reservoir, below all Fidelity water discharge points, and below the confluence of Prairie Dog Creek (Figure 4-4). The sprinkler irrigated field uses a sideroll (or wheel line) system and lies on a nearly level portion of the Tongue River floodplain. This field contains brome, orchard, and western wheatgrass with occasional alfalfa plants (Figure 4-5).

The soil mapping unit sampled is unit Hfa - Haverson loam (Figure 4-6), the same as was mapped at site MA. These soils are undeveloped floodplain soils with 18 to 35 % clay, which have moderate amounts of organic matter that is stratified with depth, and contain ample amounts of lime throughout the profile.

The pedon described and sampled at site LA (Table 4-3) was more clayey than other soils mapped as Halverson loam. Clay content was variable with depth and generally ranged from 29 to 42 %, except for a horizon from 28 to 42 inches which had 50 % clay. This soil was more strongly layered than at site MA, which is the result of successive stream sediment deposits which vary slightly in texture. Layered soils may have slower internal drainage than unlayered soils. Dominant clay minerals were kaolinite and illite, which are non-swelling

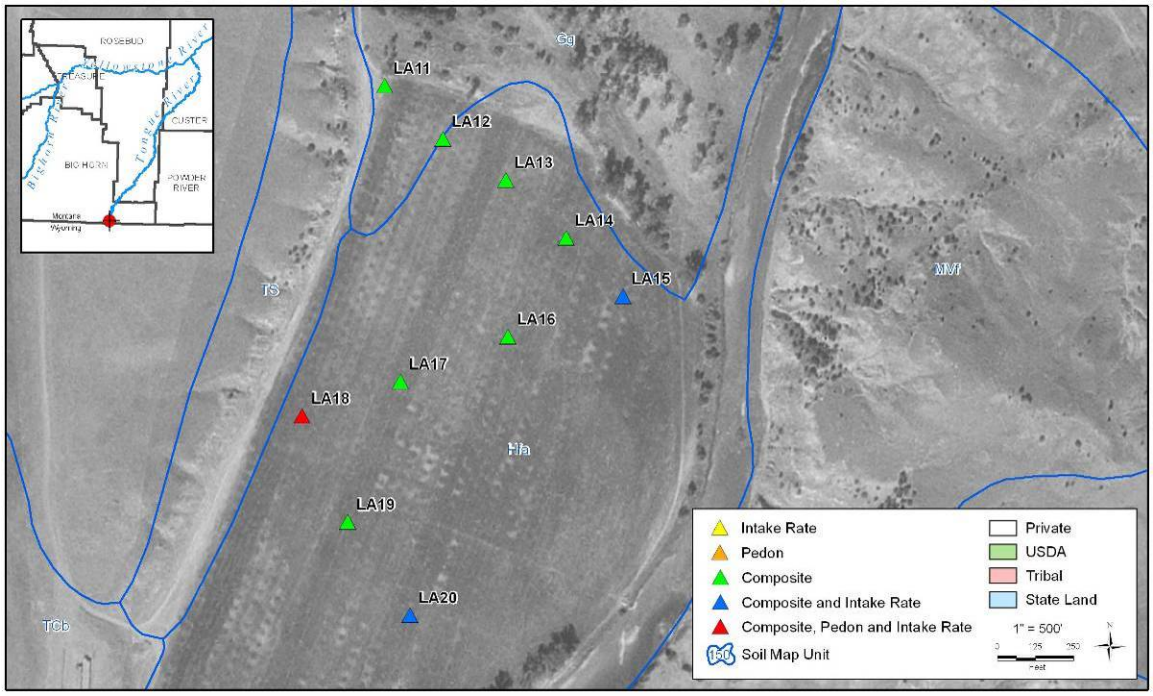

Figure 4-4. Map of site LA.

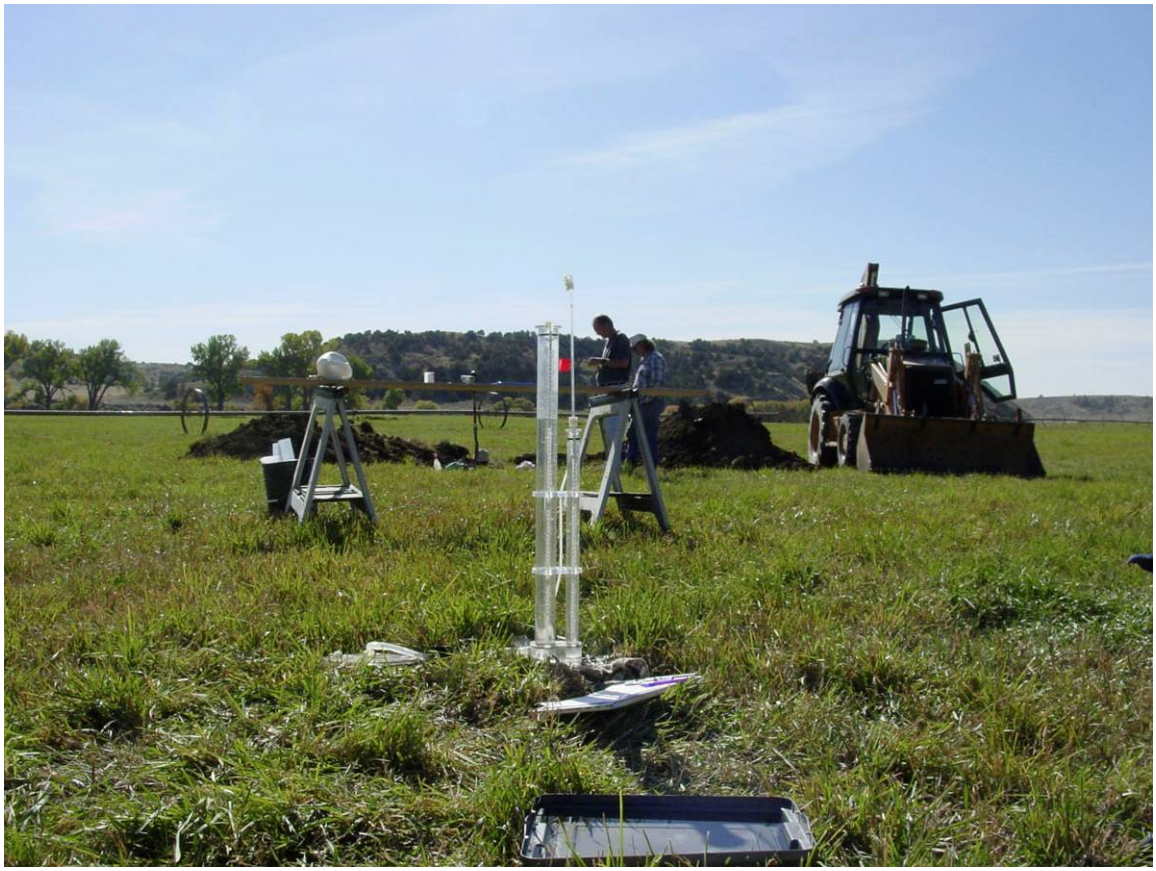

Figure 4-5. Landscape view of site LA.

Profile description for soil pit LA-18.

Landscape position:	Terrace/floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Bighorn County, Haverson Series.
Vegetation:	Mixed pasture grasses with small amount of alfalfa.
Management Status:	Sideroll sprinkler irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	1% slopes with an east facing aspect.
Classification:	fine, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 6	Dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay loam; weak, medium, platy parting to moderate, medium, granular structure; soft, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; many fine and few medium roots; common, fine, continuous pores; strongly effervescent; clear, smooth boundary.
C	6 to 18	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist clay loam; moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, sticky, and plastic; many fine and few medium roots; few, fine, discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; clear, smooth boundary.
2C1	18 to 24	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay; moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, sticky, and plastic; common, fine roots; interstitial pores; strongly effervescent; common, fine, threads and seams of gypsum; abrupt, wavy boundary.
2C2	24 to 28	Light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) dry and olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist clay loam; massive; soft, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few, fine roots; interstitial pores; common, medium, distinct mottles; strongly effervescent; abrupt, smooth boundary.
3C1	28 to 42	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/3) dry and very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) moist silty clay; weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; very friable, sticky, and plastic; few, fine roots; interstitial pores; common, medium, distinct mottles; strongly effervescent; gradual, smooth boundary.
3C2	42 to 60+	Olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist loam; massive; very friable, nonsticky, and nonplastic; interstitial pores; strongly effervescent.

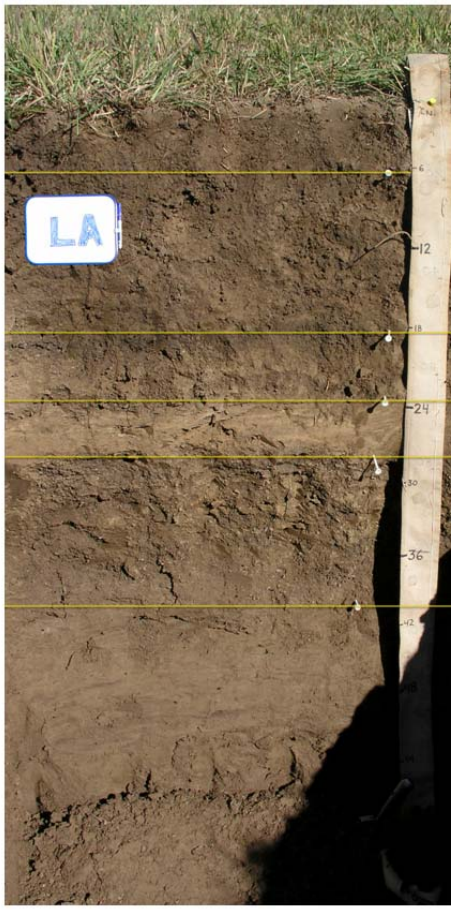

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Photo of Soil Pit LA-18.

Figure 4-6. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site LA.

clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. Swelling clays (smectite) accounted for 20 to 23 % of the clay minerals. Soil had a weakly alkaline pH (7.6 to 8.0) and moderate levels of lime (10 %) at all depths. Both pH and lime content were unchanged with depth owing to the lack of soil profile development. EC was moderately low at this location (0.8 to 1.1 dS/m) but was higher at other locations in the field. Both SAR (1.3 to 1.9) and ESP (1.2 to 2.7) were low at all depths. Nutrient levels were variable with nitrogen deficient for irrigated grass. Soil test levels of phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and zinc were generally adequate.

Table 4-3. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site LA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	6	241	7.4	0.93	3.9	8.5	SiCL	19	52	29
C	6	18	205	7.5	0.79		8.3	CL	27	41	32
2C1	18	24	237	7.8	1.02		6.5	SiC	7	52	41
2C2	24	28	210	7.9	1.07		7.5	CL	27	45	28
3C1	28	42	231	8	1.11		6.5	SiC	ND	50	50
3C2	42	60	212	8	0.95		12.9	L	49	38	13

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	6	57.3	4.9	2.6	2.5	1.3	5.9	46.1	0.8	1.3
C	6	18	53.2	3.7	1.7	2.7	1.7	4.3	49	0.8	1.2
2C1	18	24	55	3.7	2.5	3.1	1.8	3.4	42.9	0.9	1.8
2C2	24	28	48.2	3.6	3.9	2.7	1.4	3	39.5	0.6	1.2
3C1	28	42	70.6	3	5	3.1	1.6	2.9	44.2	1.1	2
3C2	42	60	37	2.3	3.8	3.3	1.9	3	20	0.7	2.7

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	6	45	32	20	4	0.9	19	365	3	1
C	6	18					1			2.8	
2C1	18	24	35	39	23	2	1.4			5.5	
2C2	24	28									
3C1	28	42									
3C2	42	60									

4.1.3 Site GA

For several miles downstream of the Tongue River Reservoir, the floodplain is narrow and little irrigation occurs. Site GA is about 25 miles downstream of the Tongue River Reservoir, and is below the confluence of Hanging Woman Creek near Birney (Figure 4-7). The sprinkler-irrigated field uses a sideroll system. The field straddles the Tongue River floodplain and a low terrace situated a few feet above the active floodplain. At the time of first sampling the field had an older stand of alfalfa-grass on the north half and a newer alfalfa stand in the south half of the field (Figure 4-8).

The soil mapping unit sampled is unit 99 – Havre loam (Figure 4-9), the dominant soil mapped throughout most of the Tongue River floodplain. These soils mapped in Rosebud and Custer County's are similar to the Haverson soils mapped in Big Horn County. They are undeveloped floodplain soils with 18 to 35 % clay, which have moderate amounts of organic matter that is stratified with depth, and contain ample amounts of lime throughout the profile.

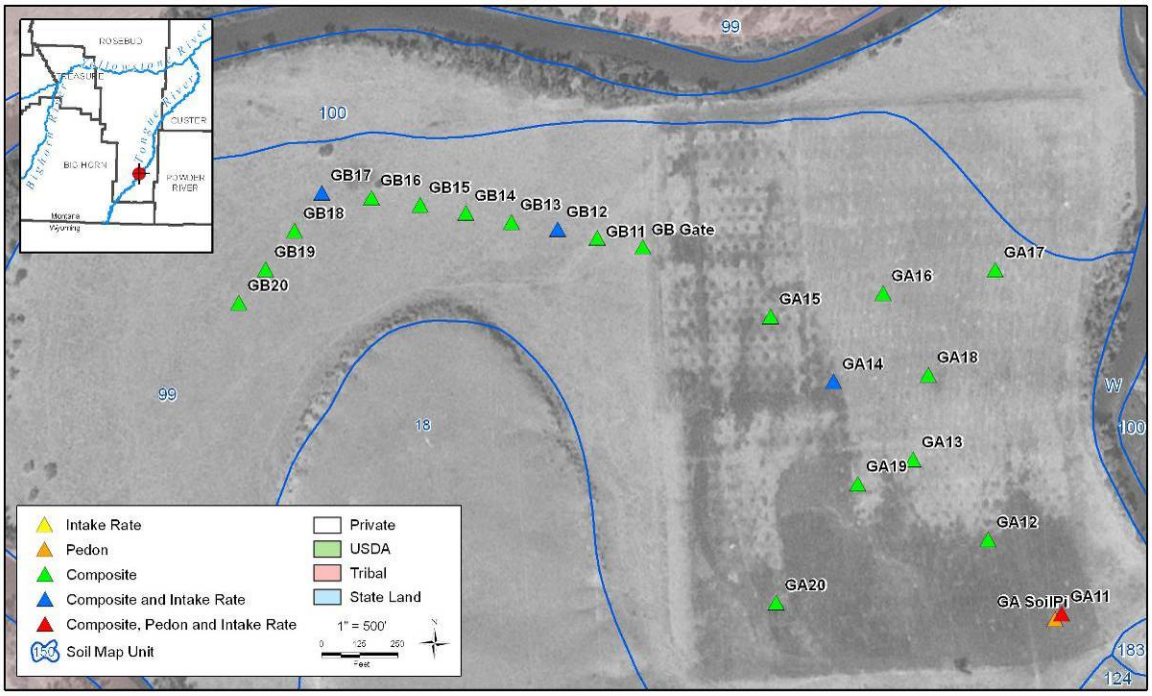

Figure 4-7. Map of site GA and GB.

Figure 4-8. Landscape view of site GA.

Profile description for soil pit GA-11

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Rosebud County, Havre loam, 0 to 2%.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa/grass hayfield; greasewood on field margins.
Management Status:	Sideroll sprinkler irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with a west facing aspect.
Classification:	fine, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 6	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist silty clay; moderate, medium, granular structure; slightly hard, very friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; common coarse and many fine roots; very slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C1	6 to 12	Brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay; moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; hard, firm, sticky, and slightly plastic; common coarse and many fine roots; common fine tubular pores; very slightly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C2	12 to 26	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silty clay; weak, coarse, columnar structure; hard, firm, sticky, and slightly plastic; few coarse and common fine roots; many fine tubular pores; slightly effervescent; gradual smooth boundary.
C3	26 to 42	Very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silty clay; weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; few fine roots; many fine tubular pores; slightly effervescent; common fine threads and seams of gypsum; clear smooth boundary.
C4	42 to 49	Olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) moist silty clay loam; massive; very friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine tubular pores; strongly effervescent; common fine threads and seams of gypsum; abrupt wavy boundary.
C5	49 to 72+	Olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist silty clay; massive; friable, sticky, and plastic; common fine tubular pores; common medium distinct mottles; strongly effervescent; common fine threads and seams of gypsum.

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Photo of Soil Pit GA-11.

Figure 4-9. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site GA.

The pedon described and sampled at site GA (Table 4-4) was much higher in clay content than soils typically mapped as Havre loam and represents an inclusion of a different soil series. Clay content was variable with depth and generally ranged from 32 to 48 %. Composite samples collected across the entire field had an average clay content of only 23 %, which is typical of Havre loam. Dominant clay minerals were kaolinite and illite, which are non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. The soil had a mildly alkaline pH (7.7 to 8.0) and moderate levels of lime (5 to 8 %) at all depths. Both pH and lime content were relatively unchanged with depth owing to the lack of soil profile development. EC was low at this location throughout the profile (0.6 to 0.9 dS/m) but was higher at other locations in the field. Both SAR (0.9 to 1.4) and ESP (1.2 to 1.8) were low at all depths. Patches of greasewood were found near an irrigation ditch a few hundred feet from this site indicating that higher sodium levels occur in the vicinity. Nutrient levels were variable with nitrogen deficient for irrigated alfalfa-grass. Soil test levels of phosphorus, sulfur, potassium and zinc were generally adequate.

Table 4-4. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site GA.

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Ap	0	6	548	7.7	0.62	3.1	5.4	SiC	5	47	48
C1	6	12	575	7.8	0.69		6.8	SiC	4	51	45
C2	12	26	592	7.9	0.63		6.2	SiC	ND	54	46
C3	26	42	630	7.9	0.58		7.1	SiC	ND	54	46
C4	42	49	538	7.9	0.67		7.3	SiCL	5	63	32
C5	49	72	624	8	0.89		7.2	SiC	ND	58	42

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Ap	0	6	66.3	3.4	1.7	1.5	0.9	4.9	35.1	0.5	1.2
C1	6	12	55.9	3.5	1.7	2.2	1.4	3.8	34.9	0.7	1.6
C2	12	26	61.3	2.7	1.3	1.8	1.3	2	40.1	0.7	1.5
C3	26	42	59.1	2.5	1.4	1.8	1.3	2.2	36.7	0.6	1.2
C4	42	49	51.2	2.8	2	1.9	1.2	2.2	38	0.6	1.4
C5	49	72	64.7	2.8	2.9	2.4	1.4	2.4	31.4	0.7	1.8

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Ap	0	6	42	42	3	12	4.8	21	299	1.4	0.7
C1	6	12					21.5			3.1	
C2	12	26	38	31	25	7	3.3			3.6	
C3	26	42									
C4	42	49									
C5	49	72									

4.1.4 Site GB

Site GB (Figure 4-7) was located adjacent to and southwest of field MA. Site GB was a dryland soil, which had the same soil mapping unit as field GA. The field is in a native range condition (Figure 4-10) and contains a mixture of perennial grasses (blue grama, crested wheatgrass, needle-and-thread, red three-awn, and smooth brome), forbs (yellow sweetclover) and shrubs (silver sagebrush and greasewood). A separate soil profile description was not performed on this field because it was thought to be similar to field GA.

Figure 4-10. Landscape view of site GB.

4.1.5 Site GC

Site GC is located a few miles further north of sites GA and GB, and is about 30 miles downstream of the Tongue River Reservoir (Figure 4-11). The flood-irrigated field has been leveled and contains border dykes to facilitate even distribution of water. The field lies on the Tongue River floodplain and had an established alfalfa stand at the time of first sampling (Figure 4-12).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 99 – Havre loam (Figure 4-13), the same soil mapped at sites GA and GB just upstream. Havre loam is an undeveloped floodplain soil with 18 to 35 % clay, which has moderate amounts of organic matter that is stratified with depth, and contains ample amounts of lime throughout the profile. The soil profile was lighter in color than soil GA indicating that the soil pit may have been located in a portion of the field that was scalped of much of the surface soil during leveling. Measured organic matter content (4.2 %) seems excessive given the light soil color. High lime content may have interfered with the organic matter measurement.

The pedon described and sampled at site GC (Table 4-5) was higher in clay content than soils typically mapped as Havre loam. Like the soil pedon at site GA, it represents an inclusion of a different soil series. Clay content was variable with depth and generally ranged from 30 to 47 %, with an average of around 40 % in the upper 40 inches. Composite samples collected across the entire field had an average clay content of only 32 %, which is at the upper end of the Havre loam. The dominant clay minerals were kaolinite and illite,

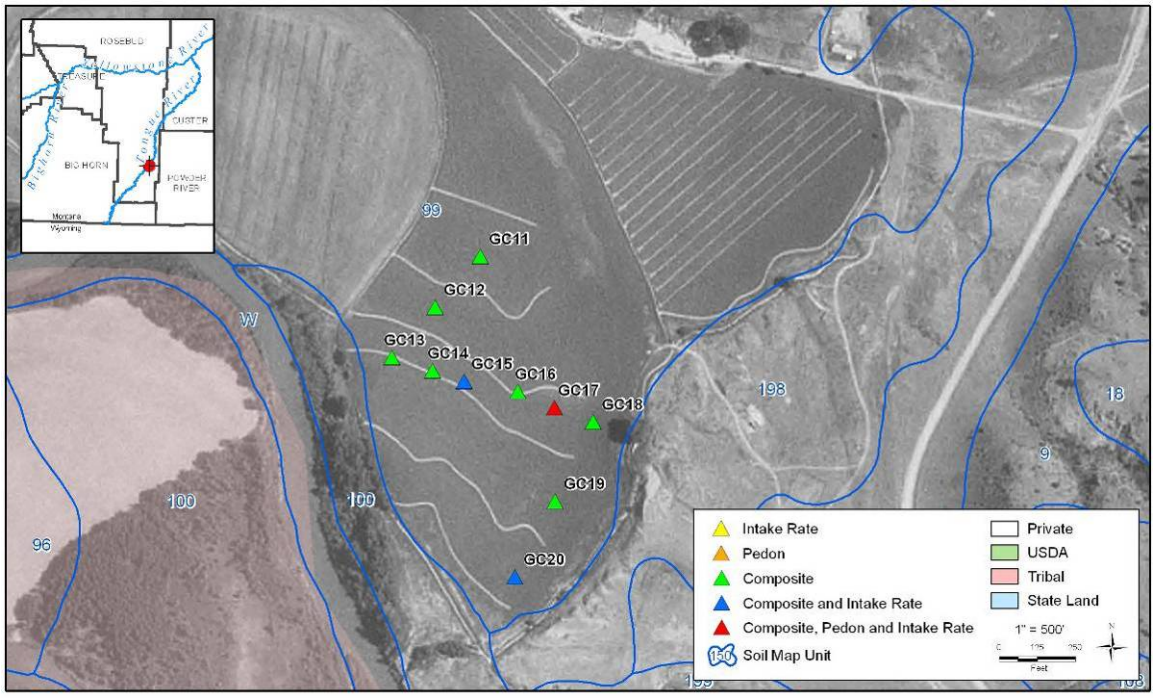

Figure 4-11. Map of site GC.

Figure 4-12. Landscape view of site GC.

Profile description for soil pit GC-17.

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Rosebud County, Havre Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 1% leveled slopes with a west facing aspect.
Classification:	fine, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 5	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silty clay loam; medium, platy parting to fine, granular structure; slightly hard, very friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; common coarse and few fine roots; few fine vesicular pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C1	5 to 18	Very pale brown (10YR 7/3) dry and dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist silty clay; weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; common coarse and few fine roots; few fine vesicular pores; strongly effervescent; gradual smooth boundary.
C2	18 to 30	Brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) moist silty clay; massive; hard, friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; few coarse and few fine roots; common fine vesicular pores; violently effervescent; gradual smooth boundary.
C3	30 to 60+	Yellow (10YR 7/8) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay loam; massive; slightly hard, friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; few coarse and few fine roots; few fine vesicular pores; violently effervescent; common fine threads and masses of gypsum.

Notes:

1 Soils were described using protocol defined by *Soil Survey Division Staff. 1993. Soil Survey Manual. U.S.D.A Agriculture Handbook 18 .*

2 taxonomy

Photo of Soil Pit GC-17.

Figure 4-13. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site GC.

which are non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. The soil had a mildly alkaline pH (7.7 to 8.1) and moderate levels of lime (8 to 10 %) at all depths. Both the pH and lime content were relatively unchanged with depth owing to the lack of soil profile development. EC was very low and uniform at this location (0.6 to 0.9 dS/m) and was low at other locations in the field as well. Both SAR (0.7 to 0.9) and ESP (1.4 to 2.0) were low in pedon and in field composite samples. Site GC had the lowest EC, SAR and ESP of any soils sampled. Nutrient levels were generally adequate for alfalfa production.

Table 4-5. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site GC.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	5	489	7.7	0.71	4.2	8.1	SiCL	6	64	30
C1	5	18	617	8	0.72		8.6	SiC	ND	59	41
C2	18	30	551	7.9	1.08		9.5	SiC	ND	53	47
C3	30	60	598	8.1	0.72		8.8	SiCL	19	43	38

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	5	63.9	4.2	2.4	1.8	1	5.6	45.3	0.9	1.7
C1	5	18	59.4	3.9	2.1	2.2	1.3	3.8	38.9	0.9	2
C2	18	30	63.5	5.5	3.8	2.4	1.1	4.8	41.5	0.7	1.4
C3	30	60	55.8	2.8	2.4	1.8	1.1	2.4	40.8	0.8	1.6

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	5	38	35	16	11	4.8	24	219	1.8	0.61
C1	5	18					26.5			3.5	
C2	18	30	38	31	21	11	6.4			8.1	
C3	30	60									

4.1.6 Site EA

Site EA is located just upstream of the Brandenburg Bridge on the west side of the Tongue River (Figure 4-14). The site is located on a low terrace above the floodplain, and is flood-irrigated. At the time of first sampling, the field contained hay millet stubble (Figure 4-15). The field was not planted, irrigated or harvested in 2004. It was planted to alfalfa in the spring of 2005.

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 197 - Yamac loam (Figure 4-16). This soil differs from soils typically mapped lower on the floodplain in that it has a subsurface horizon enriched in clay. The soil was higher in clay content (averaging greater than 35 % clay) than typical floodplain soils.

The pedon described and sampled at site EA (Table 4-6) was probably typical of soils mapped as Yamac except that lime content was higher in the surface layer than typical values, and the subsurface layers were darker than usually observed. Additionally, clay content was slightly higher than occurs in Yamac soils. These differences may indicate that the clay-enriched subsoil may have resulted from more deposition of texturally contrasting layers rather than soil development processes. Clay content was variable with depth and ranged from 13 to 50 %. The soil was strongly layered as a result of successive stream sediment deposition, creating layers which varied in texture. Layered soils may have slower

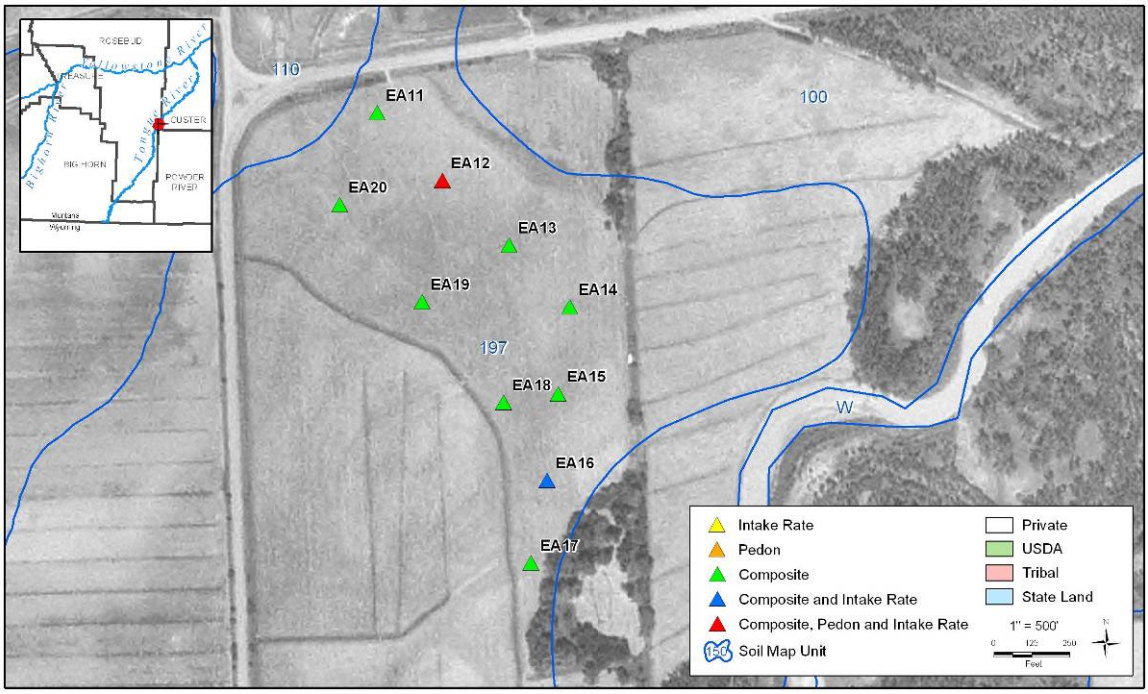

Figure 4-14. Map of site EA.

Figure 4-15. Landscape view of site EA.

Profile description for soil pit EA-12.

Landscape position:	Floodplain/terrace.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Rosebud County, Yamac Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa/grass/weeds.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with an east facing aspect.
Classification:	fine, mixed (calcareous) Borollic Camborthids

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 4	Light gray (2.5Y 7/2) moist silty clay loam; moderate, medium, platy structure; firm, sticky, and plastic; common fine roots; common medium pores; strongly effervescent; abrupt irregular boundary.
Bw	4 to 18	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/4) moist silty clay; strong, very coarse, angular blocky structure; extremely firm, sticky, and plastic; few fine roots; common fine pores; strongly effervescent; very few, small, organic bands throughout; clear smooth boundary.
C1	18 to 33	Dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) moist silty clay; massive; firm, sticky, and plastic; few fine roots; common fine pores; violently effervescent; many, medium, soft white masses and threads; gradual smooth boundary.
C2	33 to 50	Very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) moist silty clay; massive; friable, sticky, and plastic; few fine roots; common fine pores; few fine faint mottles; violently effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C3	50 to 60	Light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) moist loam; massive; loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few fine roots; common medium pores; few fine faint mottles; violently effervescent to noneffervescent.

Notes:

1 Soils were described using protocol defined by *Soil Survey Division Staff. 1993. Soil Survey Manual. U.S.D.A. Agriculture Handbook 18*.

2 taxonomy

Photo of Soil Pit EA-12.

Figure 4-16. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site EA.

internal drainage than unlayered soils. Dominant clay minerals were kaolinite and illite, which are non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. Swelling clays (smectite) accounted for 13 to 14 % of the clay minerals. The soil had a mildly alkaline pH (7.5 to 8.6) and moderate levels of lime (6 to 9 %) at all depths. EC was higher than average at this location (1.4 to 8 dS/m) with higher levels found at depth. EC levels were slightly lower in the composite samples. SAR (1.5 to 17) and ESP (1.8 to 8.4) were also higher than average for the Tongue River and increased with depth. Nutrient levels were variable and nitrogen levels were considered deficient for irrigated grass. Soil test levels of nitrogen were low while levels of phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and zinc were generally adequate.

Table 4-6. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site EA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	4		7.5	1.4	4.5	6.9	SiCL	1	66	33
Bw	4	18	618	7.8	3.25		6.3	SiC	1	55	44
C1	18	33	645	8.1	10		9.6	SiC	2	48	50
C2	33	50	623	8.5	7.37		9	SiC	1	58	41
C3	50	60	595	8.6	8		8.5	L	42	45	13

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	4	70	7	4	3.5	1.5	8.4	45.6	1.1	1.8
Bw	4	18	69.3	11.3	11.7	16.1	4.8	3.6	50.2	2.5	2.8
C1	18	33	78.5	18.1	46.3	56.4	9.9	2.4	50.6	6.5	4.1
C2	33	50	72.2	3.8	28.1	61.2	15	2.8	42.8	7	6.1
C3	50	60	40	3.2	28.9	70	17	3	12.7	3.9	8.4

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	4	38	40	14	8	0.5	22	522	6	0.64
Bw	4	18					0.5			38	
C1	18	33	39	36	13	11	1.8			47.1	
C2	33	50									
C3	50	60									

4.1.7 Site DA

Site DA is located between Brandenburg Bridge and the T&Y Irrigation Diversion Dam (Figure 4-17) and is near the mouth of Foster Creek, an ephemeral tributary that joins the Tongue River from the east. The field is somewhat sub-irrigated and has been sporadically irrigated with event water. It was brought under full irrigation when a pivot was constructed in August 2003. The field lies on the Tongue River floodplain and had an established alfalfa/grass stand at the time of first sampling (Figure 4-18).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 99 – Havre loam (Figure 4-19), the same soil mapped extensively along the Tongue River. The soil profile was much sandier in texture at this site owing to sediment from Foster Creek. The pedon described and sampled at site DA (Table 4-7) was lower in clay content than soils typically mapped as Havre loam and represents an inclusion of a different soil series that has from 18 to 35 % clay. The soil very nearly fits sandy particle size class, especially deeper in the profile. Clay content was variable with depth and averaged less than 10 % in the upper 40 inches. Dominant clay minerals consisted of nearly equal parts of kaolinite and smectite with lesser amounts of illite. Dominant clays are non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. The soil had a mildly alkaline pH and moderate levels of lime at all depths.

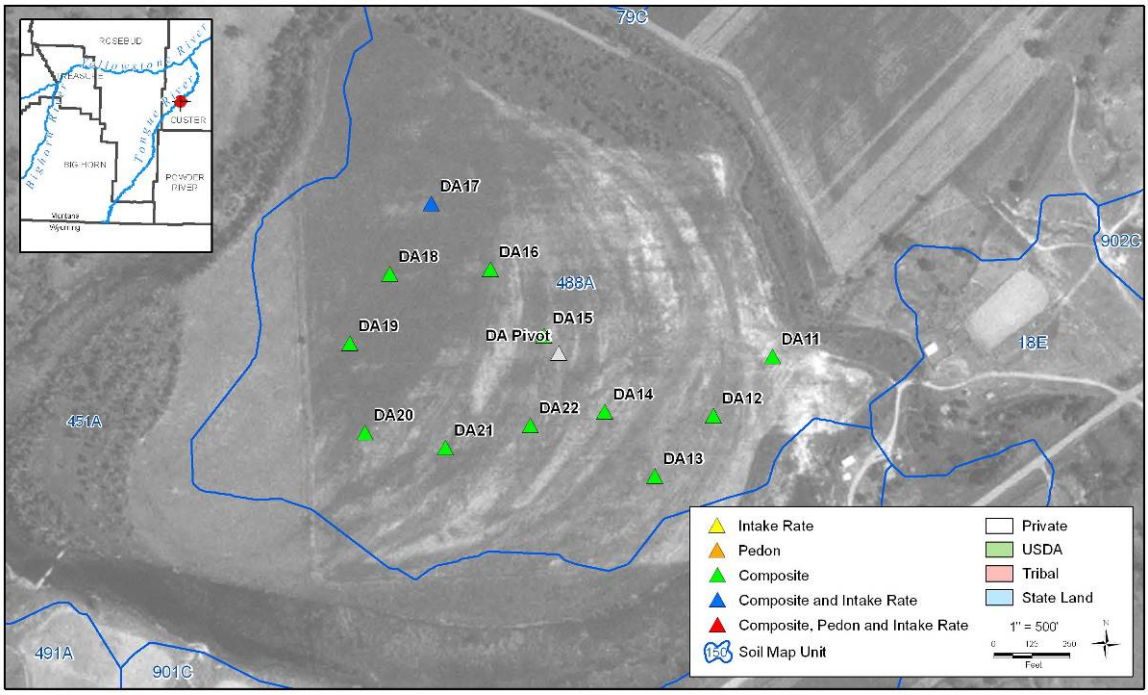

Figure 4-17. Map of site DA.

Figure 4-18. Landscape view of site DA.

Profile description for soil pit DA-14.

Landscape position:	Floodplain/terrace.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Havre Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa/grass/weeds.
Management Status:	Center pivot sprinkler irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with a northwest facing aspect.
Classification:	coarse-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 8	Light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist loam; weak, medium, platy structure; soft, loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; common fine and common coarse roots; few fine pores; strongly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C1	8 to 21	Pale brown (10YR 6/3) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist loam; single grain; loose, loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; common fine and common coarse roots; many fine interstitial pores; very abrupt wavy boundary.
C2	21 to 37	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist sand; massive; soft, loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few fine and few coarse roots; few fine pores; common medium faint mottles; strongly effervescent; common medium soft white threads and masses from 21 to 27 inches; abrupt wavy boundary.
C3	37 to 60+	Brown (10YR 5/3) moist sand; single grain; loose, loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few coarse roots; many fine interstitial pores; 20 percent coarse fragments.

Notes:

1 Soils were described using protocol defined by *Soil Survey Division Staff. 1993. Soil Survey Manual. U.S.D.A. Agriculture Handbook 18* .

2 taxonomy

Photo of Soil Pit DA-14.

Figure 4-19. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site DA.

Both the pH and lime content were relatively unchanged with depth owing to the lack of soil profile development. EC was widely variable with the highest value (EC = 8.9 dS/m) occurring at a depth of 8 to 21 inches. SAR (1 to 20) and ESP (5 to 24) were also much higher than other Tongue River soils low, probably as a result of runoff of high EC and sodium-enriched water from the nearby tributary. This soil was so recently placed under irrigation that its soil chemical status had not reached equilibrium with Tongue River irrigation water. As of fall 2005, EC, SAR, and ESP had significantly decreased in the 6-12 and 12-24 inch depths due to 24 inches of irrigation water in 2004 and 15 inches of irrigation water plus above normal precipitation in 2005. Nutrient levels were generally very low for nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Table 4-7. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site DA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	8	568	7.7	0.69	1.4	7.7	L	51	39	10
C1	8	21	610	8.3	8.9		8.5	L	46	45	9
C2	21	37	678	7.9	1.26		3.5	S	95	4	1
C3	37	60	623				4.3	S	92	8	ND

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	8	34.7	3.4	2	1.6	1	4.6	13.6	0.7	4.8
C1	8	21	37.4	13.6	24	82.5	19	2.6	13.4	4.4	9.9
C2	21	37	29.5	3.7	3.2	5.4	2.9	2.4	6.6	0.8	10
C3	37	60	29.6	0.9	1.1	9.4	9.3	2.8	4	1.2	24

Clay Minerals and Nutrients

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	8	33	27	36	4	0.3	2.2	136	2.7	0.32
C1	8	21					1.3			124	
C2	21	37	39	20	30	11	1.3			11.5	
C3	37	60									

4.1.8 Site DB

Site DB is located a few miles further north of site DA, and is situated between Brandenburg Bridge and the T&Y Irrigation Diversion Dam (Figure 4-20). The center pivot sprinkler-irrigated field lies on a terrace above the Tongue River floodplain and had an established alfalfa stand at the time of first sampling (Figure 4-21).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 901 – Sonnett (Figure 4-22), which is classified as a fine-textured smectite-dominant soil with a pronounced subsurface layer with elevated clay content. These soils are atypical of others mapped in the floodplain. The mapped soil differed substantially from soil that actually occurred in the field.

The pedon described and sampled at site DB (Table 4-8) was lower in clay content than Sonnett soils and did not have a clayey subsoil horizon. Soils at site DB resembled the Havre loam mapped extensively elsewhere along the floodplain. Clay content generally decreased with depth and varied from 8 to 35 %. Composite samples collected across the entire field had an average clay content of only 21 %, which is similar to the pedon location and is typical of the Havre loam. Dominant clay minerals were non-swelling clays that

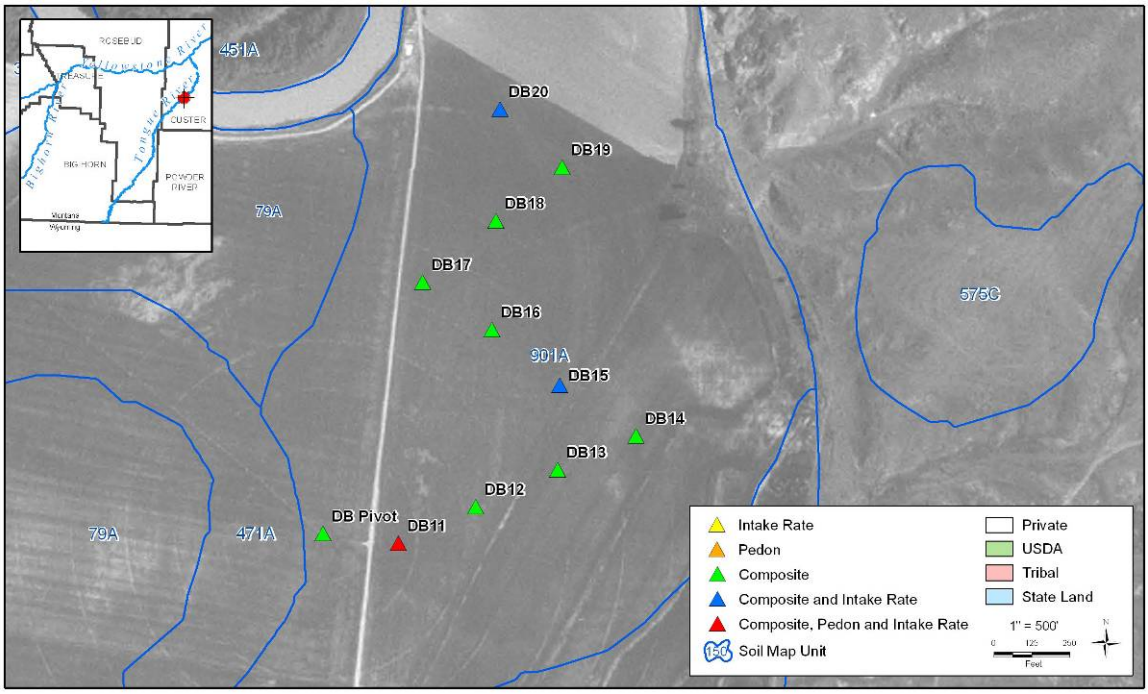

Figure 4-20. Map of site DB.

Figure 4-21. Landscape view of site DB.

are not easily affected by excess sodium. Swelling clays (smectite) accounted for 35 % of the clay minerals. Soil was moderately to strongly alkaline pH (7.8 to 9.2) and had moderate levels of lime (5 to 10 %) at all depths. EC was higher than average at this location (1.4 to 8 dS/m) with higher levels found at depth. EC levels were the highest of any soil sampled with EC varying from 3 dS/m near surface to over 18 dS/m, which was much higher than soil EC based on composite sampling, which averaged 1.43 dS/m in the upper 36 inches. SAR (11 to 66) and ESP (6 to 23) were also higher than average for the Tongue River and increased with depth. By contrast, SAR and ESP of composite samples was 3 and 6 respectively in the upper 36 inches, respectively. The large difference between site DB pedon and composite samples provides a striking example of natural soil spatial variability. Nutrient levels were variable with nitrogen deficient for irrigated grass but adequate for alfalfa. Soil test levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and zinc were generally adequate.

Profile description for soil pit DB-11.

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Sonnett Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa.
Management Status:	Center pivot sprinkler irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 4% slopes with a west facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 6	Gray (10YR 6/1) dry and very dark brown (10YR 2/2) moist silty clay loam; moderate, medium, platy parting to weak, fine, granular structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine and common coarse roots; common fine pores; slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C1	6 to 12	Grayish brown (10YR 5/2) dry and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silty clay loam; weak, medium, angular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine and common coarse roots; common fine pores; strongly effervescent; many fine and many
C2	12 to 14	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) moist sandy loam; massive; loose, loose, nonsticky and nonplastic; few fine roots; common fine pores; strongly effervescent; few fine soft white masses; clear wavy boundary.
C3	14 to 25	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay loam; massive; friable, sticky and plastic; few fine roots; common fine pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C4	25 to 39	Pale yellow (2.5Y 7/4) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/4) moist silt loam; massive; very friable, nonsticky and nonplastic; common fine pores; few medium faint mottles; strongly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C5	39 to 44	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist silt loam; massive; very friable, slightly sticky and nonplastic; common fine pores; strongly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C6		

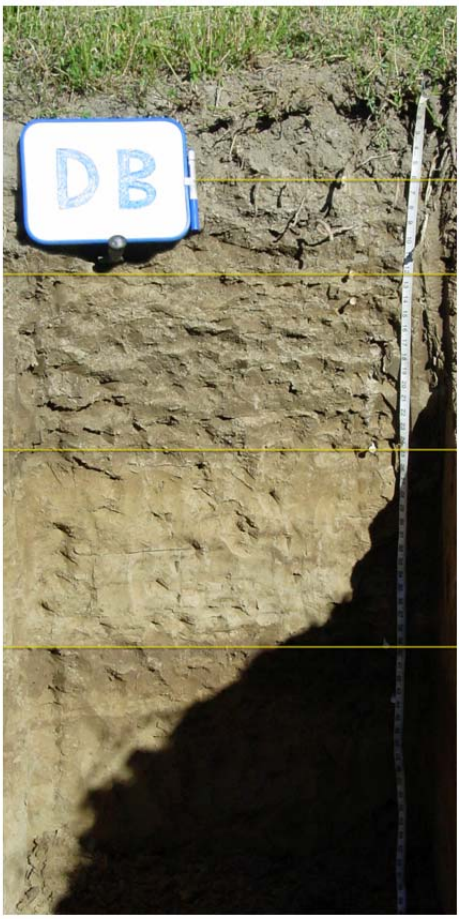

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Photo of Soil Pit DB-11.

Figure 4-22. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site DB.

Table 4-8. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site DB.

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Ap	0	6	496	7.8	2.8	3.2	4.9	SiCL	6	59	35
C1	6	12	602	8.4	18.9		7.9	SiCL	8	62	30
C2	14	25	612	8.9	16.5		10.3	SiCL	4	69	27
C3	25	39	645	9.1	12.8		10.3	SiL	16	76	8
C4	39	44	638	9.2	14.6		10	SiL	24	60	16

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Ap	0	6	70.3	3.8	2.9	20.9	11	8.7	33.7	3.8	6.8
C1	6	12	70.8	24.6	29.4	169	33	5.2	26.7	13.7	6.6
C2	14	25	83.3	7.3	13.2	160	50	5.6	19.3	17.9	23
C3	25	39	47	1.2	5.9	115	61	5.7	10.5	7.2	17
C4	39	44	60.3	1.2	7.3	136	66	6.3	15.2	10.8	17

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Ap	0	6	36	22	35	7	2.4	31	303	18.5	0.56
C1	6	12					1.9			228	
C2	14	25	33	26	35	6	2.8			187	
C3	25	39									
C4	39	44									

4.1.9 Site BA

Site BA is located just downstream of the T& Y Irrigation Dam (Figure 4-23), and is flood-irrigated from the T&Y Canal. The field lies on the Tongue River floodplain and had recently disked-under corn stubble at the time of first sampling (Figure 4-24).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 79A – Yamacall loam (Figure 4-25), which is somewhat similar to the Havre and differs mostly by having a weakly developed subsurface horizon. The subsurface horizon that is diagnostic of the Yamacall series was lacking at this location, so the soil resembled the abundant Havre. They are undeveloped floodplain soils with 18 to 35 % clay, which have moderate amounts of organic matter that is stratified with depth, and contain ample amounts of lime throughout the profile.

The pedon described and sampled at site BA (Table 4-9) had clay content around 28 % except for a thin layer of loamy fine sand from 27 to 36 inches in depth. Composite samples collected across the entire field had an average clay content of only 19 %, which is at the lower end of the Havre loam and was coarser textured than the pedon sample. Smectite was

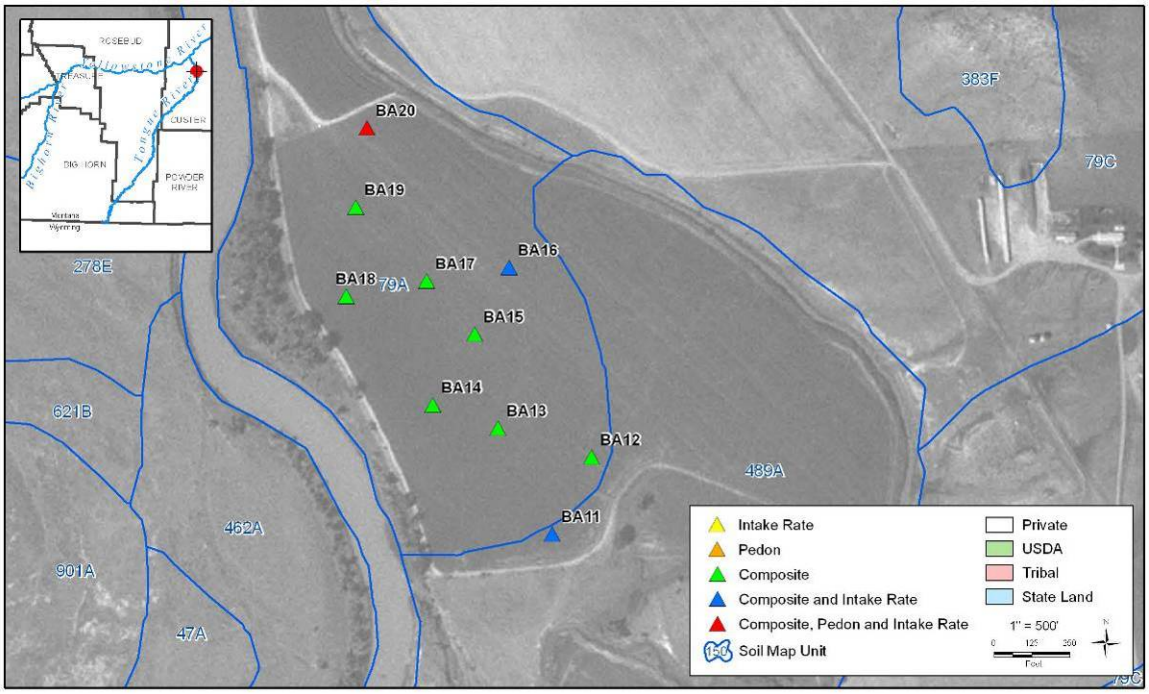

Figure 4-23. Map of site BA.

Figure 4-24. Landscape view of site BA.

the most abundant clay mineral, but non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium, still accounted for more than 50 % of the clay mineral abundance. The soil had a uniform pH (7.7 to 7.9) and moderate levels of lime (6 to 7 %) at all depths. EC was low (less than 1 dS/m) with somewhat higher levels found in composite samples. SAR (1 to 2) and ESP (2 to 4) were also low. Nutrient levels were variable with low nitrogen following the corn crop while levels of phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and zinc were generally adequate.

Profile description for soil pit BA-20.

Landscape position:	Floodplain/terrace.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Yamacall Series.
Vegetation:	Corn.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with a west facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 6	Yellow (10YR 7/6) dry and yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) moist silty clay loam; moderate, medium, platy parting to weak, fine, granular structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; many fine and few coarse roots; common very fine pores; slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C1	6 to 15	Dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) dry and very dark gray (10YR 3/1) moist silty clay loam; weak, fine, subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky, and plastic; common fine and few coarse roots; common fine pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C2	15 to 27	Dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) moist silt loam; massive; very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; common fine pores; violently effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C3	27 to 36	Pale yellow (2.5Y 7/4) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/4) moist sandy loam; massive; loose, loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few fine roots; interstitial pores; gradual wavy boundary.
C4	36 to 45	Very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silt loam; massive; very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few very fine roots; common fine pores; common fine faint mottles; strongly effervescent; gradual wavy boundary.
C5	45 to 60+	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) moist loam; massive; loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few very fine roots; common fine pores; few fine faint mottles.

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2 taxonomy

Photo of Soil Pit BA-20.

Figure 4-25. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site BA.

Table 4-9. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site BA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	6	550	7.7	0.73	2.2	5.9	SiCL	10	62	28
C1	6	15	605	7.7	0.8		6.2	SiCL	8	64	28
C2	15	27	578	7.8	0.73		6.4	SiL	24	54	22
C3	27	36	596	7.9	0.45		5.2	SL	74	22	4
C4	36	45	602	7.8	0.71		6.5	SiL	9	71	20
C5	45	60	585	7.8	0.62		6.9	L	40	42	18

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	6	55.3	3.1	1.8	2.5	1.6	4.3	33.7	1	2.5
C1	6	15	53.8	3.5	2	2.5	1.5	4.2	28.1	1	3.2
C2	15	27	45.2	2.6	1.5	2.8	2	3	24.7	0.8	2.7
C3	27	36	34	1.4	0.7	1.7	1.6	2.6	11.7	0.6	4.3
C4	36	45	50.2	2.4	1.2	2.8	2.1	3.2	28	0.9	2.6
C5	45	60	37.4	2.1	1.1	2.4	1.9	2.9	21.5	0.8	3.2

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	6	29	20	46	5	1.6	47	267	2.9	0.9
C1	6	15	36	18	42	4	1.1			3.2	
C2	15	27	34	23	39	4	1.6			3.3	
C3	27	36									
C4	36	45									
C5	45	60									

4.1.10 Site BC

Site BC is located a few miles south of Miles City, and is flood-irrigated using water from the T&Y Canal (Figure 4-26). The field lies on the Tongue River floodplain and had an established alfalfa/grass stand at the time of first sampling (Figure 4-27). Orchardgrass was inner-seeded spring of 2004 so the stand is now grass/alfalfa.

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 47A – Harlake silty clay (Figure 4-28), indicating a higher clay content than most other soils mapped in the Tongue River floodplain. Finer textured soils may be expected to occur on lower portions of the river floodplain where stream gradient decreases near the confluence with the Yellowstone River. Harlake soils have greater than 35 % clay, and smectite is the dominant clay.

The pedon described and sampled at site BC (Table 4-10) was similar in clay content to the Harlake series, but smectite was not the dominant clay mineral. Mineralogy was mixed and calcareous. The soil was mildly alkaline pH (7.4 to 8.0) and had moderate levels of

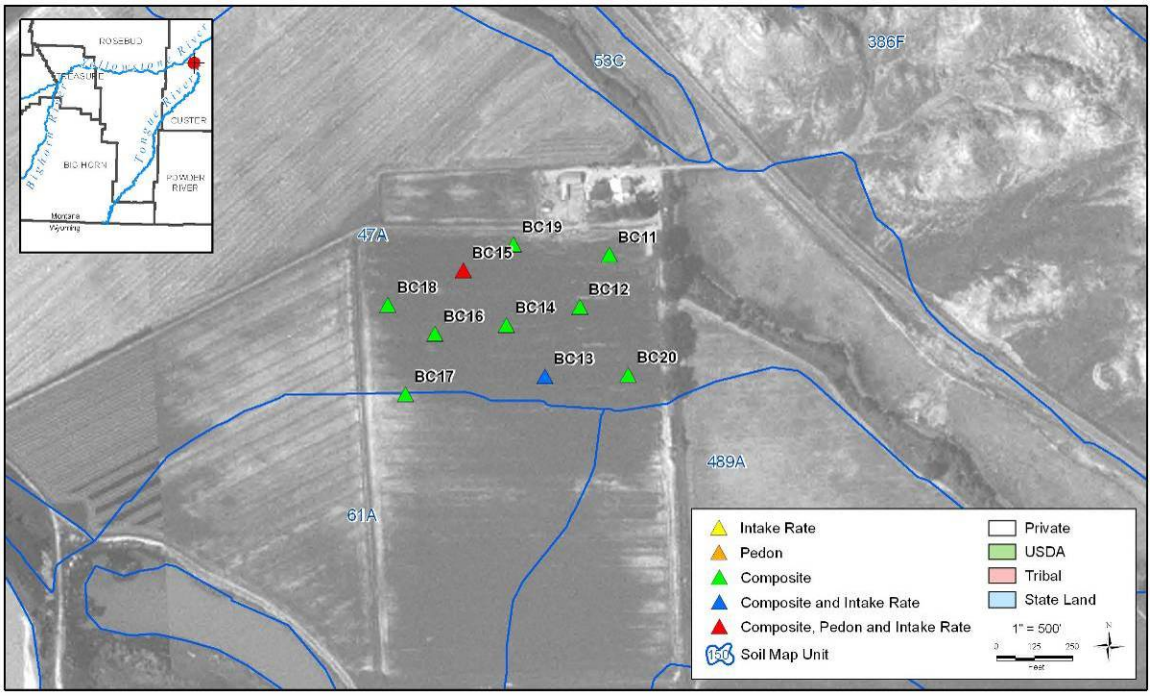

Figure 4-26. Map of site BC.

Figure 4-27. Landscape view of site BC.

lime (5 to 8 %) at all depths. EC was low at all depths except below 5 feet where the EC was 11.6 dS/m. SAR (2 to 20) and ESP (2 to 12) were about average within the upper 5 feet but increased at depth as did EC. Nutrient levels were variable with adequate nitrogen, phosphorus, sulfur and zinc and moderate levels of potassium.

Profile description for soil pit BC-15.

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Harlake Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with a west facing aspect.
Classification:	fine, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 5	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silty clay loam; moderate, medium, platy parting to moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; many fine and few coarse roots; many fine and common coarse pores; slightly effervescent; gradual smooth boundary.
AB	5 to 15	Dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) moist silty clay loam; moderate, medium, subangular blocky parting to weak, medium, prismatic structure; hard, firm, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; many fine and few coarse roots; many fine and common coarse pores; strongly effervescent; many fine soft white threads; clear smooth boundary.
1C	15 to 26	Olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist silty clay; massive; firm, sticky, and plastic; common fine and common medium roots; common fine and few medium pores; strongly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
2C	26 to 60+	Olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist clay; massive; very firm, very sticky, and very plastic; common very fine roots; common fine pores; slightly effervescent; nodules and white masses.

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2 taxonomy

Photo of Soil Pit BC-15.

Figure 4-28. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site BC.

Table 4-10. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site BC.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	5	601	7.4	1.23	2.9	8	SiCL	17	52	31
AB	5	15	635	7.8	1.19		8.1	SiCL	15	53	32
1C	15	26	646	8.1	3.9		6.6	SiC	ND	48	52
2C	26	60	615	8	11.6		4.8	C	ND	36	64

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	5	50.3	4.7	3.8	4.6	2.2	9.7	45.8	1	1.7
AB	5	15	48.1	3.3	2.9	5.6	3.2	6.7	38.2	1.4	2.9
1C	15	26	70.3	4.4	5.7	31.7	14	4.4	48.3	5.7	7.1
2C	26	60	82.6	17.8	19.9	87.5	20	2.8	49.3	13.1	12

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	5	34	22	39	5	1	32	190	3.6	
AB	5	15					2.9			4.6	
1C	15	26	35	26	30	9	1.9			35.9	
2C	26	60									

4.1.11 Site BD

Site BD (Figure 4-29).is located close to BC but is situated on the west side of the Tongue River in a dryland field (Figure 4-30). Several prominent spreader dikes crossed the field and served to distribute runoff from tributary drainages across the field. Vegetation consisted of perennial native (western wheatgrass) and introduced (crested wheatgrass) species, annual grassy weeds (cheatgrass) and scattered stands of silver sage and western snowberry.

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 47A – Harlake silty clay (Figure 4-31), the same as mapped across the river at BC. However, the pedon described and sampled at site BD (Table 4-11) was lower in clay content than Harlake soils and was more representative of the Havre series. Clay content was variable with depth and generally ranged from 22 to 36 %, with an average of around 28 % in the upper 40 inches. Composite samples collected also had an average clay content of 28 %, which is typical of the Havre loam. Dominant clay minerals were a mixture of non-swelling clays (kaolinite and illite) that are not easily affected by excess sodium. Swelling clays (smectite) accounted for 36 to 43 % of the clay minerals, which is greater than is typical farther upriver. The increased

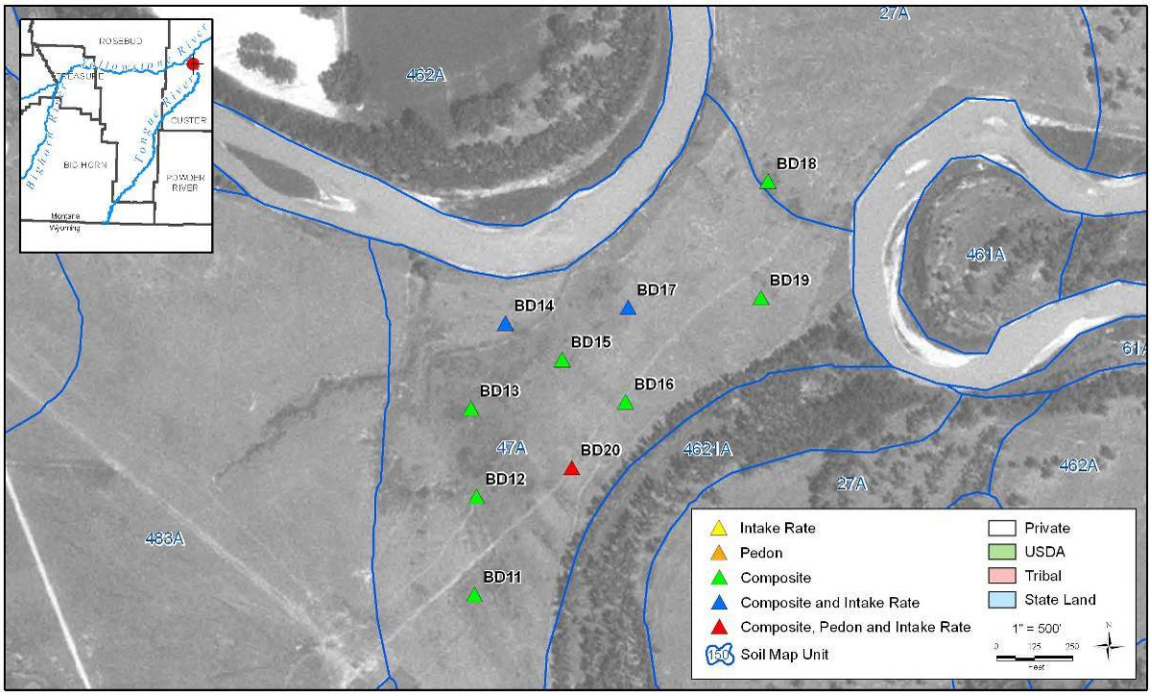

Figure 4-29. Map of site BD.

Figure 4-30. Landscape view of site BD.

material. The Lebo Shale member of the Fort Union formation, which outcrops near Miles City, may contain more abundant smectite than the Tongue River member that occurs further upstream. Soil pH was mildly alkaline (7.3 to 7.8) and had moderate levels of lime (4 to 8 %) at all depths. EC was relatively low (1 to 3 dS/m) with the higher levels found in the middle of the profile near the base of the root zone. SAR (1 to 2) and ESP (1 to 3) were also low. As expected for native range or tame pasture, nitrogen levels were low but other nutrients were generally adequate.

Profile description for soil pit BD-20.

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium/lacustrine.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Harlake Series.
Vegetation:	Pasture grasses (wheat grasses).
Management Status:	Dryland farming.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 3% slopes with an east facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 8	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silty clay loam; moderate, coarse, subangular blocky parting to moderate, medium, platy structure; hard, very friable, slightly sticky, and nonplastic; many fine and common medium roots; common fine discontinuous pores; slightly effervescent; clear irregular boundary.
C1	8 to 17	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/4) dry and olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist silt loam; moderate, medium, platy parting to weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; hard, very friable, nonsticky, and nonplastic; common fine and few medium roots; common fine discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; clear wavy boundary.
C2	17 to 24	Light yellowish brown (2.5Y 6/4) dry and olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist silty clay loam; massive; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; few very fine discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; varves; clear smooth boundary.
C3	24 to 60+	Pale yellow (2.5Y 7/4) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/4) moist silt loam; massive; slightly hard, very friable, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few fine roots; few fine discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; varves.

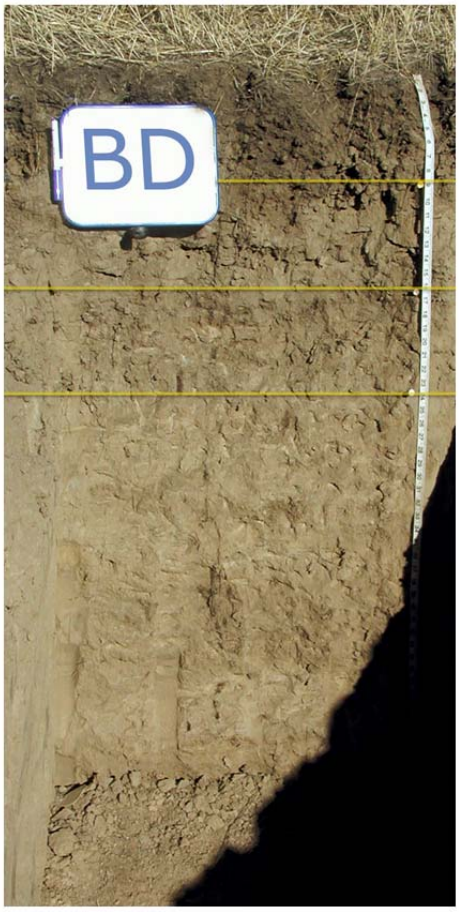

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Photo of Soil Pit BD-20.

Figure 4-31. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site BD.

Table 4-11. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site BD.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	8	483	7.3	0.88	5	4.4	SiCL	5	59	36
C1	8	17	518	7.3	2.9		7.5	SiL	12	65	23
C2	17	24	552	7.7	0.7		8.1	SiCL	1	70	29
C3	24	60	574	7.8	0.64		8.3	SiL	7	71	22

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	8	75.1	4.2	2	0.9	0.5	7.1	42.1	0.5	1
C1	8	17	35.5	21.2	9.4	3.2	0.8	3.7	31.9	0.7	2
C2	17	24	40.1	2.1	1.6	2	1.4	4.3	36.2	0.8	1.9
C3	24	60	36.4	1.3	1.3	2.3	2	4.3	27	0.9	2.9

Clay Minerals and Nutrients

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	8	32	32	36	<2	ND	16	520	1.6	1.13
C1	8	17					0.2			32.2	
C2	17	24	33	19	43	4	ND			1.7	
C3	24	60									

4.1.12 Site YAA

Site YAA is actually within the Yellowstone River floodplain and is located about 10 miles northeast of Miles City (Figure 4-32). The field is in the T&Y Irrigation District, so it receives Tongue River water as an irrigation source. The flood-irrigated field uses border dikes to facilitate even distribution of water and had an established alfalfa stand at the time of first sampling (Figure 4-33).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 53 A – Kobase silty clay loam (Figure 4-34), which is similar to the Harlake series mapped upstream on the Tongue River, differing only in having a weakly develop subsoil horizon. The Kobase series has more than 35 % clay, moderate soil profile development, and smectite is the dominant clay mineral.

The pedon described and sampled at site YAA (Table 4-12) was much lower in clay content than typical Kobase soils and more closely resembles Havre loam. Clay content was variable with depth and generally ranged from 22 to 44 %, with an average of 28 % in the composite samples, which is typical of Havre loam. Dominant clay mineral was smectite, at 51 to 62 % of the clays. Soil pH was mildly alkaline (7.8 to 8.1) and the soil contained moderate levels of lime (5 to 7.5 %) at all depths. EC was similar to levels found in flood irrigated soils in

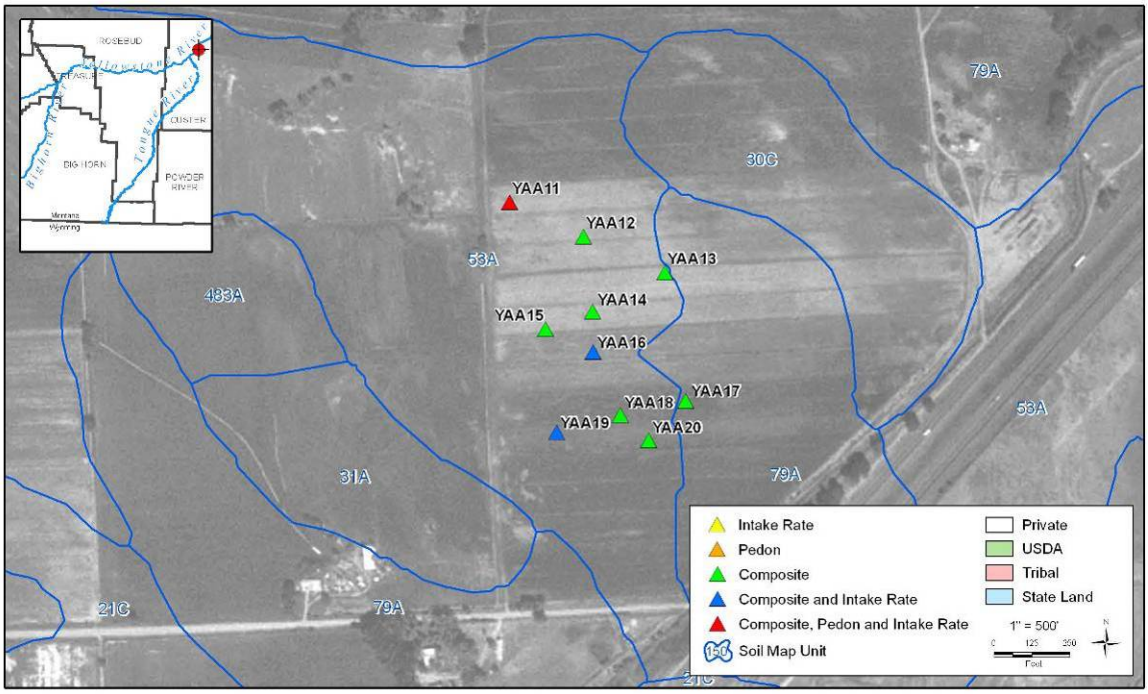

Figure 4-32. Map of site YAA.

Figure 4-33. Landscape view of site YAA.

the Tongue River floodplain (1 to 3.7 dS/m) with higher levels found at depth. SAR (2.2 to 13) and ESP (2.5 to 9.6) were moderate and generally increased with depth. Soil test levels of nitrogen, sulfur and zinc were adequate for alfalfa while phosphorus and potassium were low.

Profile description for soil pit YAA-11.

Landscape position:	Terrace.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Kobase Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with a north facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 6	Dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) dry and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist loam; strong, coarse, subangular blocky parting to moderate, fine, granular structure; slightly hard, firm, sticky, and plastic; many fine and few coarse roots; many fine and few coarse pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
E	6 to 12	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silt loam; weak, fine, subangular blocky structure; soft, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; many fine and common coarse pores; common, fine, faint mottles; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
Bw	12 to 15	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist loam; weak, fine, angular blocky structure; soft, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; many fine and common coarse pores; common, fine, faint mottles; strongly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C1	15 to 34	Brown (10YR 4/3) dry and very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silt loam; massive; slightly hard, very friable, sticky, and plastic; common fine roots; many fine and common coarse pores; common, fine, faint mottles; strongly effervescent; clear irregular boundary.
C2	34 to 47	Very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) moist loam; massive; very friable, nonsticky, and nonplastic; few very fine roots; interstitial pores; few, fine, distinct mottles; diffuse and strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C3	47 to 60+	Very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist silty clay; massive; very friable, sticky, and plastic; many fine pores; strongly effervescent.

Photo of Soil Pit YAA-11.

Notes:

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2 taxonomy

Figure 4-34. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site YAA.

Table 4-12. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site YAA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	6	587	7.8	1.06	2.7	6.5	L	28	48	24
E	6	12	635	7.8	0.92		6.5	SiL	26	52	22
C1	15	34	608	8	1.57		6.6	SiL	24	53	23
C2	34	47	588	8.1	2.07		7.6	L	44	38	18
C3	47	60	608	8.1	3.65		4.7	SiC	8	48	44

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	6	40.9	3.8	2.9	4.5	2.4	6.6	33	1.2	2.9
E	6	12	40.2	3	2.5	3.6	2.2	4.8	30.4		2.5
C1	15	34	41.2	4.5	6.1	5.3	2.3	4.2	30.7	1.2	3.2
C2	34	47	32.9	2.4	3.9	13.4	7.5	5.8	26.2	2.1	6.2
C3	47	60	63.2	4	5.2	28.3	13	4.2	35.6	5.2	9.6

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	6	25	11	62	2	0.5	1.2	149	3.8	0.39
E	6	12	24	20	51	5	1			4	
C1	15	34									
C2	34	47									
C3	47	60									

4.2 Tongue River Tributary AMPP Sites

4.2.1 Site MB

Site MB is located near the confluence of Prairie Dog Creek and the Tongue River in Sheridan County, Wyoming (Figure 4-35). The irrigated field lies on a gently sloping upper terrace about 15 feet above the Tongue River floodplain, and is flood-irrigated using water diverted from Prairie Dog Creek. At the time of first sampling, the field was fallow with significant weed growth consisting of kochia, Russian thistle, lambsquarter, field bindweed, and Canada thistle (Figure 4-36).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 171 - Kishona (50%) Cambria (30%) (Figure 4-37). These soils are weakly developed floodplain soils with 18 to 35 % clay, which have moderate amounts of organic matter that is stratified with depth, and contain ample amounts of lime throughout the profile.

The pedon described at site MB differed slightly from the typical soils mapped in unit 171 (Table 4-13). The soil profile contained higher than average clay content ranging from 33 % near the surface to 40 % in a subsoil layer from 3 to 17 inches containing increased clay content called an argillic horizon. Dominant clay minerals were kaolinite and illite, which are

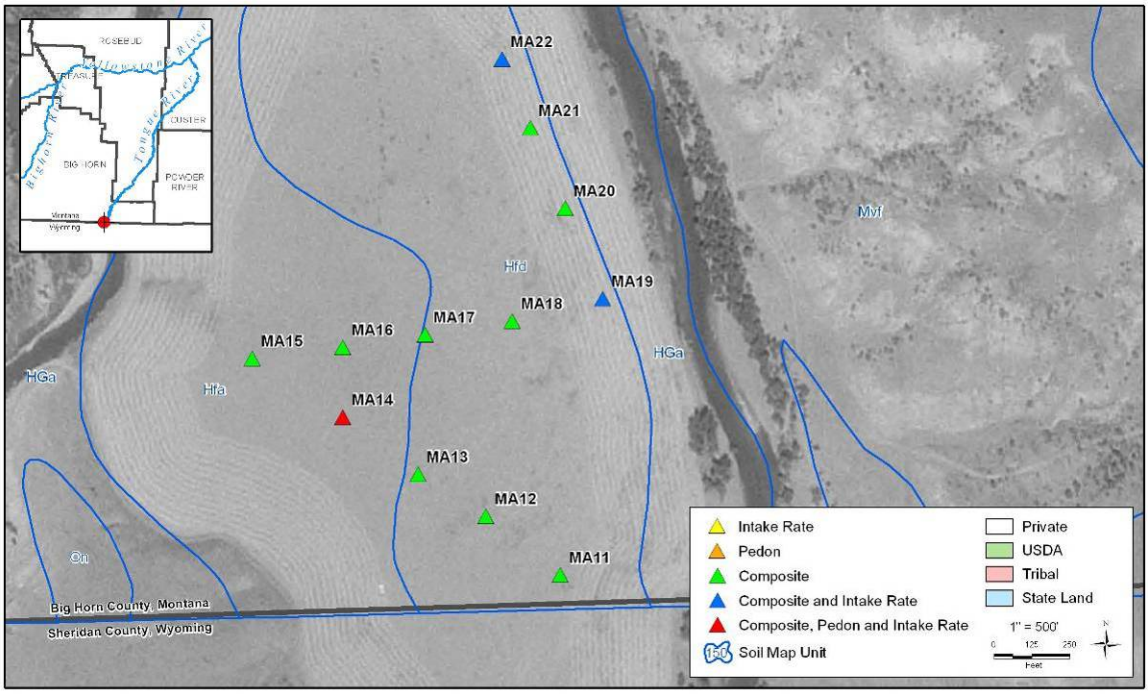

Figure 4-35. Map of site MB.

Figure 4-36. Landscape view of site MB.

non-swelling clays that are not easily affected by excess sodium. Soil pH was mildly alkaline (7.6) and lime content was low surface soil (1.3 %), and both pH and lime content increased with depth. EC was moderately low (< 1 dS/m) in the upper 30 inches and increased to 3.0 dS/m in the deepest horizon (31 to 66 inches). Both SAR (0.5 to 2.3) and ESP (1.6 to 3.8) were low throughout all depths. Nutrient levels were generally adequate except for available zinc, which was low.

Composite soil samples collected from site MB were similar to most soils irrigated with Tongue River water despite the slightly higher average salinity found in Prairie Dog Creek. Owing to irrigation management, average salinity (based on a weighted average in the upper 36 inches of the profile) was slightly lower than average for the Tongue River soils. Site MB also had lower than average SAR and ESP. While clay content was slightly higher in these soils, they were in other aspects similar to most soils irrigated with Tongue River water.

Profile description for soil pit MB-14.

Landscape position:	Terrace.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Bighorn County, Kishona/Cambria Series.
Vegetation:	Russian Thistle and other weed species.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	1% slopes with a north facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) Borollic Camborthids

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 3	Yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist clay loam; weak, medium, granular structure; soft, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine and common medium roots; common very fine pores; very slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
Bt	3 to 7	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay; moderate, medium platy parting to moderate, medium subangular blocky structure; hard, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine and common medium roots; few fine pores; slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
Bk1	7 to 17	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist silty clay; moderate, medium prismatic structure; hard, friable, sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; common very fine pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
Bk2	17 to 31	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist clay loam; moderate, medium prismatic parting to moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; few fine pores; violently effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C	31 to 66+	Light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) dry and olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) moist loam; massive; hard, friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few veryfine and few fine roots; few fine pores; strongly effervescent; common soft white threads and masses.

Notes:

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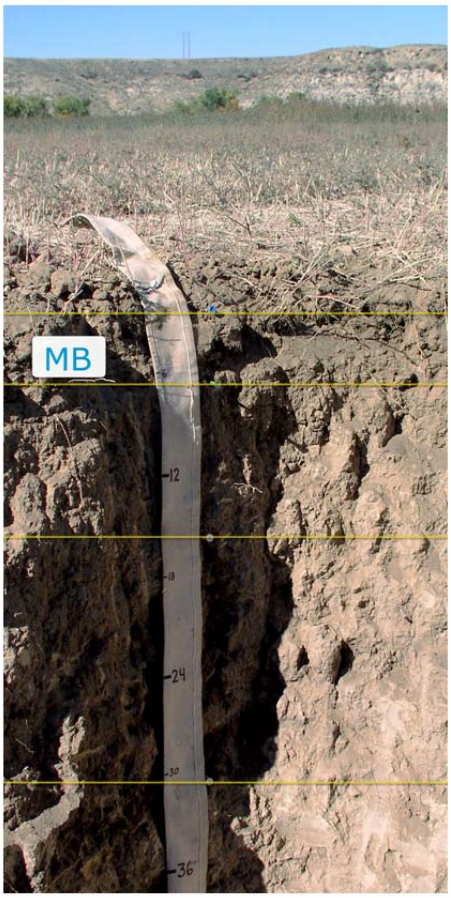

Photo of Soil Pit MB-14.

Figure 4-37. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site MB.

Table 4-13. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site MB.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	3	2090	7.6	0.69	2.1	1.3	CL	25	42	33
Bt	3	7	1850	7.8	0.43		4.8	SiC	15	44	41
Bk1	7	17	1940	8	0.43		12.4	SiC	16	44	40
Bk2	17	31	1860	8	0.54		11.2	CL	39	33	28
C	31	66	2030	7.9	2.99		7.4	L	39	39	22

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	3	42.5	3.6	2.4	0.9	0.5	4.5	29.2	0.5	1.6
Bt	3	7	49.8	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.8	3.2	36.6	0.6	1.4
Bk1	7	17	47.6	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.8	3.7	32.3	0.5	1.4
Bk2	17	31	39	1.9	1.6	2.4	1.8	3.8	26	0.8	2.7
C	31	66	41.6	12.6	18.8	9.1	2.3	1.6	24.7	1.3	3.8

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	3	33	54	5	8	34.9	16	533	1.3	0.24
Bt	3	7					12.6			0.6	
Bk1	7	17	39	29	23	9	5.6			1	
Bk2	17	31									
C	31	66									

4.2.2 Site OAA

Site OAA is located near the mouth of Otter Creek, a tributary that joins the Tongue River near Ashland (Figure 4-38). The field is flood-irrigated using Otter Creek water, which has a higher average EC and SAR than water from the Tongue River mainstem. At the time of first sampling, the field had a stand of crested wheat and brome grasses with sparse alfalfa plants (Figure 4-39).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 99 –Havre loam (Figure 4-40), the dominant soil series found in the Tongue River floodplain. The pedon described and sampled at site OAA (Table 4-14) averaged just 18 % clay, which is at the lower limit for Havre loam. Clay content was variable with depth and was somewhat finer near the surface, decreasing to only 13 % at depth. Dominant clay minerals were kaolinite and illite, which are non-swelling clays that are not readily affected by elevated levels of sodium. Smectite content was only 14 % of the clays. The soil had mildly alkaline pH (7.7 to 8.2) and moderate levels of lime (5 to 7.5 %) at all depths. EC was quite low (0.5 to 0.9 dS/m) when compared to Tongue River soils despite the higher average EC of Otter Creek. This may indicate that the field is only irrigated during the early part of the season when salinity is lower in Otter Creek. SAR (<1 to 4) and ESP (1 to 4) were moderately low as well, similar

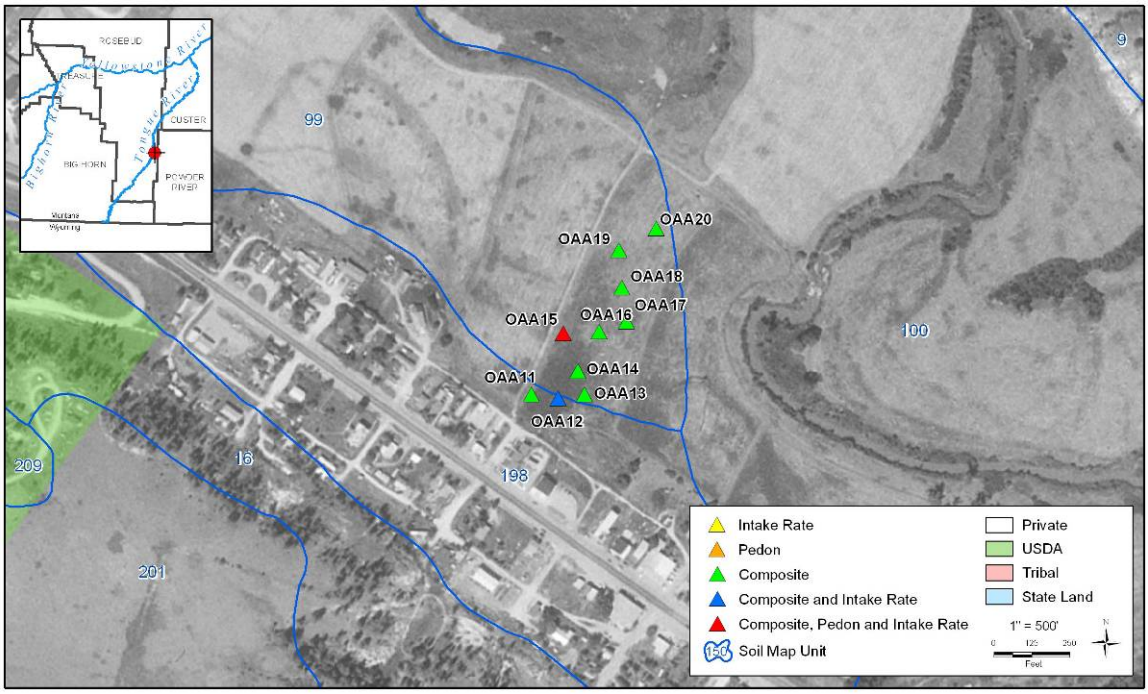

Figure 4-38. Map of site OAA.

Figure 4-39. Landscape view of site OAA.

Profile description for soil pit OAA-15

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Rosebud County, Havre Series.
Vegetation:	Alfalfa/grass.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 1% slopes with a northwest facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 6	Dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) dry and brown (10YR 4/3) moist loam; moderate, medium, prismatic parting to weak, fine, granular structure; slightly hard, friable, nonsticky, and nonplastic; many fine and few coarse roots; common fine vesicular pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C1	6 to 15	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist silt loam; moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, firm, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; many fine and few coarse roots; common fine vesicular pores; strongly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C2	15 to 39	Brown (10YR 5/3) dry and dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) moist loam; massive; soft, loose, nonsticky, and nonplastic; many fine and few coarse roots; common very fine vesicular pores; very slightly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C3	39 to 60	Brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay loam; massive; friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine and few coarse roots; common very fine vesicular and common fine tubular pores; common fine faint mottles; violently effervescent; soft white threads and masses.

Notes:

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2 taxonomy

Photo of Soil Pit OAA-15.

Figure 4-40. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site OAA.

to EC. Soil test levels of nitrogen and phosphorus were low while other nutrients had generally adequate levels of abundance.

Table 4-14. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site OAA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	6	510	7.7	0.87	3.3	7.5	L	28	47	25
C1	6	15	568	8.1	0.5		8.2	SiL	20	54	26
C2	15	39	586	7.9	0.87		8.6	L	51	36	13
C3	39	60	613	8.2	0.69		8.4	SiCL	15	55	30

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	6	49.9	4.4	4.4	0.7	0.3	8.1	31	0.5	1.6
C1	6	15	43.4	1.5	2.1	1.2	0.9	4.1	29.3	0.4	1.2
C2	15	39	32.7	2.9	3	1.8	1.1	2.9	15.7	0.6	3.5
C3	39	60	44.8	1	0.8	3.9	4.1	3.7	33.8	1.4	3.6

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	6	36	32	14	18	0.4	13	294	0.6	0.41
C1	6	15					3.6			0.6	
C2	15	39					3.5			0.6	
C3	39	60	37	41	14	9					

4.3 Reference AMPP Sites in Other River Basins

4.3.1 Site YBA

Site YBA is located on a low bench above the Yellowstone River (Figure 4-41) just west of Miles City on the Fort Keogh Research Center. The field is flood-irrigated with Yellowstone River water which is generally similar in quality to the Tongue River. At the time of first sampling, the field had a stand of volunteer barley and weeds following a barley grain crop harvested earlier in 2003 (Figure 4-42).

The soil mapping unit sampled within the field is unit 47A – Harlake silty clay loam, the same soil mapped upstream on the lower Tongue River (in Custer County) at sites BC and BD (Figure 4-43). The Harlake series differs from Havre by having more than 35 % clay with smectite as the dominant clay mineral. The Harlake series, like the Havre, does not exhibit significant soil development and is typical of recent floodplain soils (e.g. variable texture and organic matter content with depth).

The pedon described and sampled at site YBA (Table 4-15) averaged just 22 % clay, which is much less is found in Harlake soils and is near the lower limit for Havre loam. Clay content varied from 24 % in the upper 20 inches and decreased to 18 % at 20 to 40 inches. The

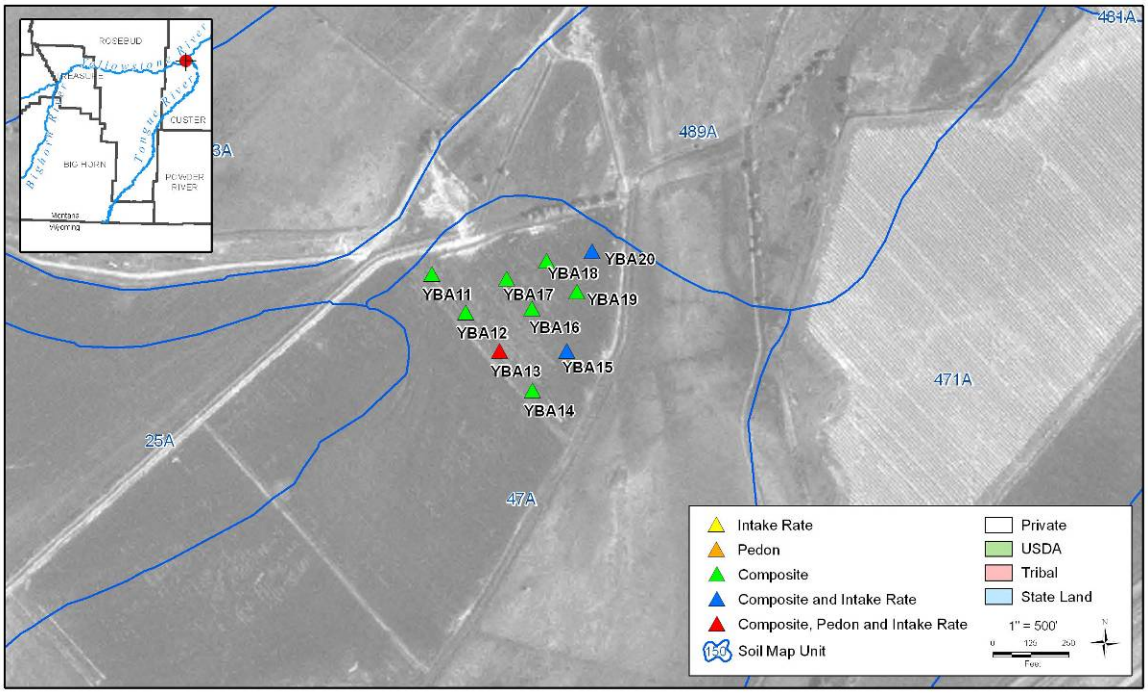

Figure 4-41. Map of site YBA.

Figure 4-42. Landscape view of site YBA.

Profile description for soil pit YBA-13

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium/lacustrine.
County and mapped soil unit:	Custer County, Harlake Series.
Vegetation:	Fallow.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 2% slopes with a north facing aspect.
Classification:	fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 15	Pale brown (10YR 6/3) dry and dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silt loam; weak, medium, subangular blocky parting to weak, fine, granular structure; slightly hard, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; common fine roots; common fine and common medium pores; slightly effervescent; abrupt smooth boundary.
C1	15 to 22	Yellow (2.5Y 7/6) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/3) moist silt loam; moderate, medium, platy structure; hard, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few fine roots; common fine pores; common, fine, distinct mottles; violently effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C2	22 to 41	Pale yellow (2.5Y 7/4) dry and light olive brown (2.5Y 5/6) moist silt loam; massive; slightly hard, very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few fine roots; common fine and few coarse pores; common, fine, distinct mottles; strongly effervescent; gradual smooth boundary.
C3	41 to 60+	Very dark grayish brown (2.5Y 3/2) moist silty clay loam; massive; very friable, slightly sticky, and slightly plastic; few fine roots; common fine and few coarse pores; common, fine, distinct mottles; strongly effervescent.

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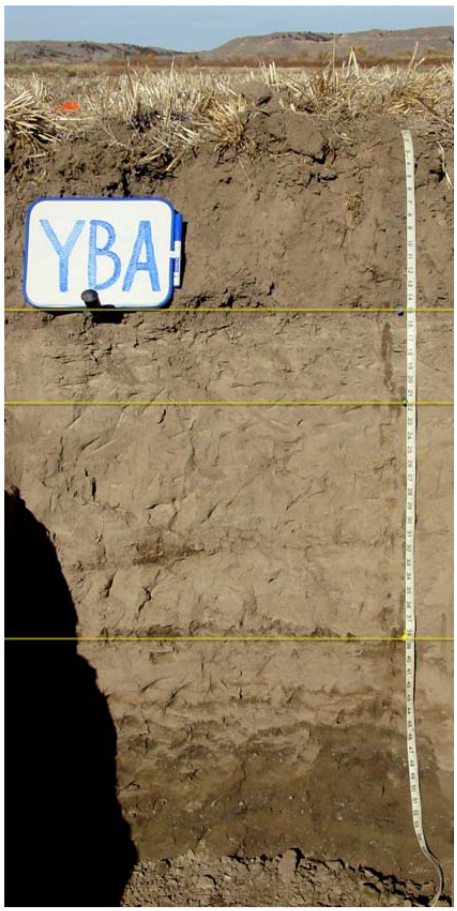

Photo of Soil Pit YBA-13.

Figure 4-43. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site YBA.

dominant clay mineral was smectite (54 %), with the remainder composed of kaolinite and illite. The soil was mildly alkaline in pH (7.7 to 8.0) and had moderate levels of lime (6 to 9 %) at all depths. EC had a similar range within the profile found in typical flood-irrigated Tongue River soils (0.8 to 3 dS/m), which was low near the surface and increased with depth. SAR (1 to 5) and ESP (2 to 6) were moderately low as well, similar to the pattern for EC. Soil test levels of phosphorus and potassium were low while other nutrients were generally adequate.

Table 4-15. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site YBA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	15	620	7.7	0.83	2	7	SiL	16	60	24
C1	15	22	637	7.9	1.28		9.8	SiL	4	72	24
C2	22	41	593	8	1.59		7.5	SiL	16	66	18
C3	41	60	583	8	3.16		6.1	SiCL	14	57	29

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	15	57	3.2	1.4	2.5	1.6	5.2	33.3	0.9	2.2
C1	15	22	56.4	3.4	3.4	4.7	2.6	3.6	30.8	1.3	3.3
C2	22	41	51.2	3.2	4	7.6	4	3.3	24.6	1.6	5
C3	41	60	62	5.5	9.1	14	5.2	2.8	33.6	2.9	6.2

Clay Minerals and Nutrients											
Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	15	23	22	54	2	3	10	170	2.5	0.57
C1	15	22	19	22	54	4	5			7	
C2	22	41					5.1			11.4	
C3	41	60									

4.3.2 Site BHA

Site BHA is located on the west side of the Big Horn River just south of Hardin, Montana (Figure 4-44). The field is flood-irrigated with Big Horn River water, which has a slightly higher average EC than the Tongue River. Sugar beets were grown at site BHA in 2003, and were harvested just prior to sampling.

The soil mapped within the field is unit Bs – Bew silty clay loam. The Bew series, which is mapped in Big Horn County, has more than 35 % clay, is dominated by smectite, and contains a lime-depleted and clay-enriched subsoil horizon (Figure 4-45). The pedon described and sampled at site BHA (Table 4-16) averaged more than 40 % clay, but did not contain evidence of secondary clay accumulation or lime removal by weathering. Consequently, this site contained a slightly different soil that, while similar to Bew, was less developed. Dominant clay mineral was illite with lesser amounts of kaolinite, with smectite comprising only 10 % of the clay fraction. The soil had a mildly alkaline pH (7.5 to 7.7) and had lower levels of lime (2.4 to 6.3 %) typically found in the Tongue River soils. The lower lime content probably results from differences in the stream sediments from which the soils formed. EC was low (0.8 to 1.2 dS/m), and was similar to many of the lower EC,

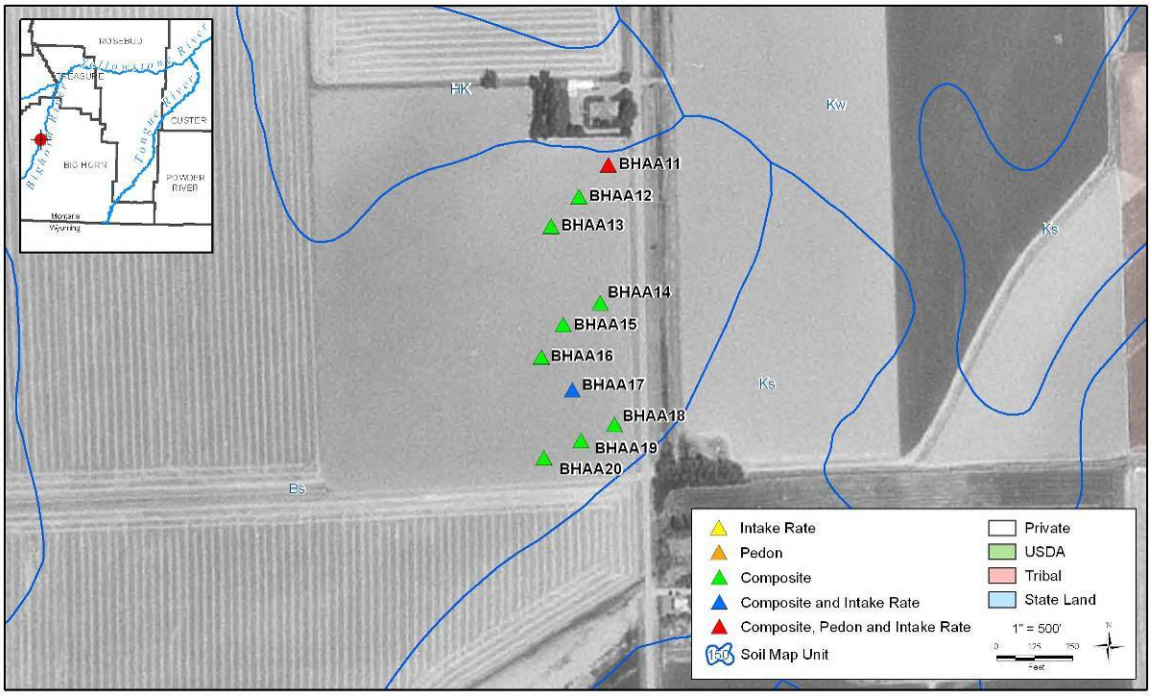

Figure 4-44. Map of site BHA.

Profile description for soil pit BHA-11.

Landscape position:	Floodplain.
Parent material:	Alluvium.
County and mapped soil unit:	Big Horn County, Bew Series.
Vegetation:	Sugarbeets.
Management Status:	Flood irrigation.
Slope and Aspect:	0 to 1% slopes with a south facing aspect.
Classification:	fine, mixed (calcareous) frigid Ustic Torrifluvents

Horizon	Depth (inches)	USDA Description[1]
Ap	0 to 8	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist silty clay; moderate, medium, subangular blocky structure; firm, sticky, and plastic; common fine roots; many fine continuous pores; abrupt smooth boundary.
A2	8 to 15	Brown (10YR 4/3) moist silty clay; moderate, medium, subangular blocky parting to weak, fine, granular structure; firm, sticky, and plastic; few fine roots; many fine continuous pores; 5% coarse fragments; abrupt smooth boundary.
C1	15 to 30	Olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) moist silty clay; weak, medium, subangular blocky structure; very firm, very sticky, and very plastic; few fine roots; common fine discontinuous pores; strongly effervescent; clear smooth boundary.
C2	30 to 60+	Dark grayish brown (2.5Y 4/2) moist silt loam; massive; firm, slightly sticky, and nonplastic; few fine roots; common fine discontinuous pores; violently effervescent.

Notes:

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Photo of Soil Pit BHA-11.

Figure 4-45. Soil profile description and photo of soil at site BHA.

flood-irrigated Tongue River soils. SAR (2 to 3 dS/m) and ESP (2.7 to 3.4) were relatively uniform and were moderately low; indicating that amply applied irrigation water has leached excessive salts from the profile. SAR and ESP in the 0-2 inch depth of the composite samples were 5.4 and 6.1, respectively. Both had significantly been reduced to 3.8 and 2.8 by April 2004 and 3.0 and 3.3 by fall 2005, respectively. Most likely, SAR and ESP were elevated due to the warm dry fall prior to initial sampling. When the beet tops were removed, soil moisture rapidly moved to the surface and evaporated, leaving salts behind in the top 2 inches of soil. This field was planted to winter wheat in 2004 and 2005, so the plant canopy was more open and the soil drier at harvest than what is normal for beets. When the wheat was harvested, moisture did not rapidly move to the soil surface. In 2006, the field was planted to sugar beets. SAR and ESP at 0 to 2 inches increased to 5.3 and 8.2, respectively, even though over four inches of precipitation was received between final irrigation in early September and harvest in late November. It appears that sugars beets accumulate sodium near the soil surface. Plant available nutrient levels were abundant.

Table 4-16. Soil profile chemical, physical, and mineralogical data for site BHA.

Paste pH, Conductivity, Organic Matter, Lime and Texture

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Dry Wt, g	pH, Saturated Paste s.u. Method ASAM10-3.2	Conductivity, Paste Extract mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Organic Matter wt% Method ASA29-3	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Sand wt% Method ASA15-5	Silt wt% Method ASA15-5	Clay wt% Method ASA15-5
Ap	0	8	499	7.5	1.21	1.8	2.4	SiC	10	43	47
A2	8	15	534	7.5	0.8		2.6	SiC	11	42	47
C1	15	30	663	7.7	1.05		6.3	SiC	9	43	48
C2	30	60	641	7.7	1.24		4.1	SiL	20	55	25

Paste Extract and Exchangeable Ions

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Saturation wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium, Saturated Paste meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Sodium, Extractable meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchang-eable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
Ap	0	8	47	3.2	1.3	4.5	3	6	44.5	1.5	2.9
A2	8	15	47.6	2.6	1	2.8	2.1	3.3	33.3	1	2.7
C1	15	30	43	3.3	1.7	3.1	1.9	3	33.1	1.3	3.4
C2	30	60	34.7	3.4	2.2	4.3	2.6	2.2	24.5	0.9	3

Clay Minerals and Nutrients

Horizon	Upper Depth (in)	Lower Depth (in)	Kaolinite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Illite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Smectite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Chlorite % Method X-ray Diffraction (based on clay fraction)	Nitrate as N, Saturated Paste mg/L Method ASA10-3	Phos-phorus (Olsen NaHCO3 Extract) mg/kg Method ASA24-5	Potassium, NH4OAc Extractable mg/kg Method ASA13-3	Sulfate, Saturated Paste meq/L Method ASA10-3	Zinc (DTPA Extract) mg/kg Method SW6010B
Ap	0	8	20	66	10	5	11.2	92	332	3.6	1.69
A2	8	15					3.3			3.7	
C1	15	30	27	49	9	15	13.8			5.7	
C2	30	60									

5.0 Basin-Wide Trends in Soil Properties

Overall trends in irrigated soil properties are evaluated in this section. The design of the AMPP sampling permitted evaluation of differences in mean soil properties with soil depth (section 5.2.1), differences between AMPP sites (section 5.2.2), and differences in mean soil properties through time (section 5.3). Of these, changes that occur through time are most pertinent to the question of whether CBNG development has affected irrigated soils.

Some soil properties are static, do not change appreciably through time, while others are dynamic and may vary in response to precipitation patterns or agricultural management. Examples of static soil properties (unchanged over tens to hundreds of years) are sand, silt and clay content, lime content, cation exchange capacity, and organic matter content. Organic matter can change if the soil has been recently brought into cultivation or is eroding. Dynamic soil properties are more likely to vary between years because they may be affected by changes in irrigation or crop management, climate, or irrigation water quantity or quality. Examples of dynamic soil properties include EC, SAR, ESP, and nutrient content. Detecting time trends in dynamic soil properties is the best way to detect changes in soil that may be associated with CBNG development. In order to attribute soil chemical trends to root causes, however, climate and irrigation water quality for the period of record must be considered.

5.1 Climate and Irrigation Water Quality Data

The Tongue River basin suffered an extended period of drought that began in the late 1990's. Drought continued in 2003 and 2004 with precipitation below average for both years in Miles City (Figure 5-1) and Sheridan (Figure 5-2). Rainfall in 2003 was near-normal in the spring but was far below normal in the growing season and through the fall and winter. The pattern was the opposite in 2004 with winter and spring precipitation below normal and growing season rainfall above average. In 2005, precipitation returned to above normal conditions largely due to high rainfall in May and June. Dry conditions returned in 2006.

From 2003 through 2006, annual temperature was also warmer than average at Miles City (Figure 5-3) and Sheridan (Figure 5-4), but only 2003 and 2006 were warmer than average during the growing season.

The primary concern addressed by AMPP is the potential for irrigation water quality to decrease in quality as a result of CBNG development in the basin. Further, the concern is that change in water quality could cause changes in soil chemistry that reduce or impair crop production or increase management costs.

Data collected by the United States Geological Survey were used to estimate average flow and water quality that occurred in 2003 through 2006, and to compare this data to long term records. Because daily flow and EC data are generally available at a number of stations on the Tongue River, comparison of flow and EC are easily performed. However, SAR comparison is difficult in that calcium, magnesium and sodium ion concentrations were only measured periodically. Therefore, in order to estimate seasonal SAR, the statistical relationship between daily flow and SAR was determined using available data. These flow/water quality expressions were then used to estimate average SAR.

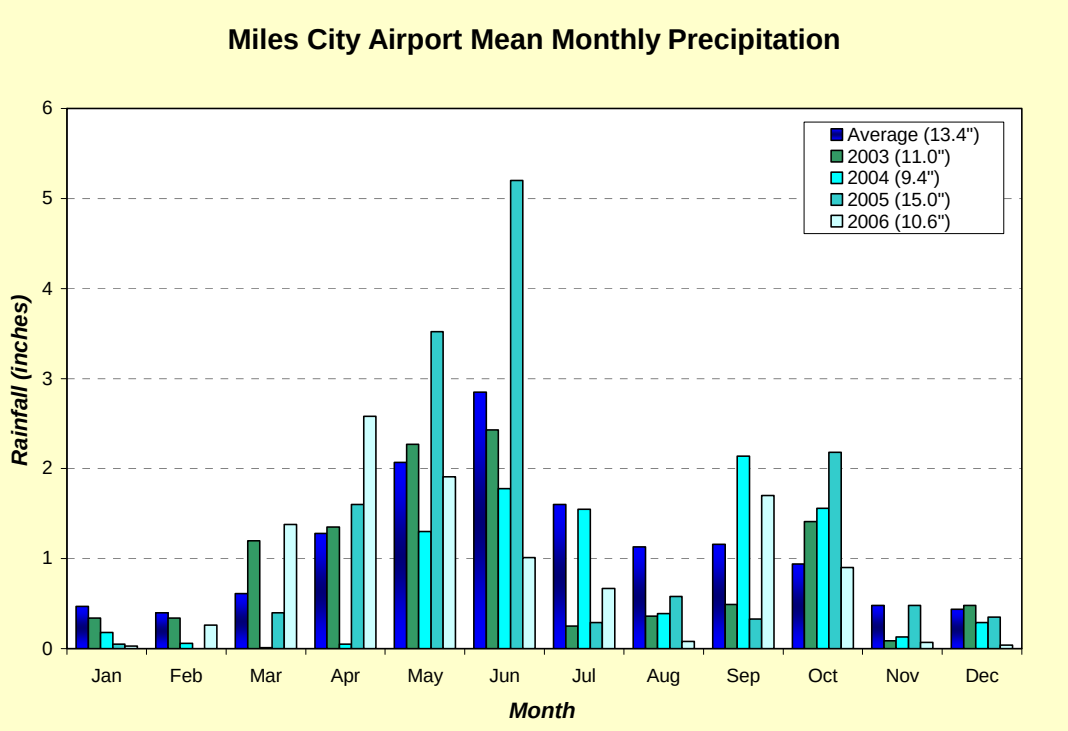


Figure 5-1. Monthly average precipitation at the Miles City Airport (NCDC station 245690) for the 1937 to 2004 period of record, 2003 through 2006.

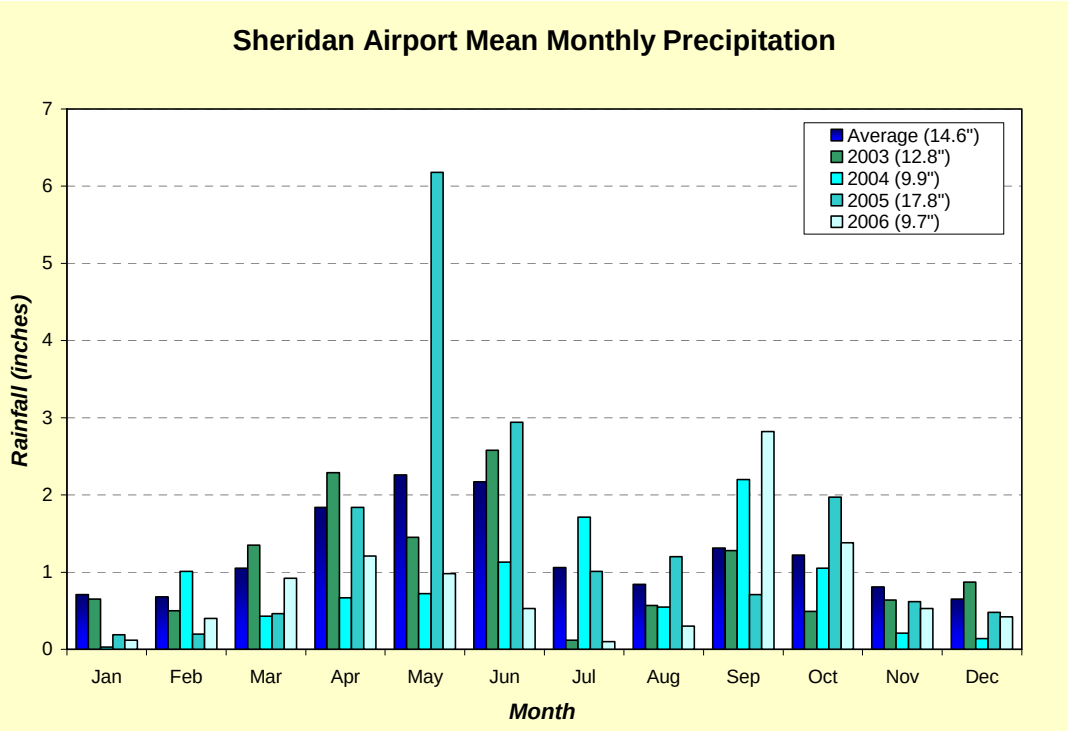
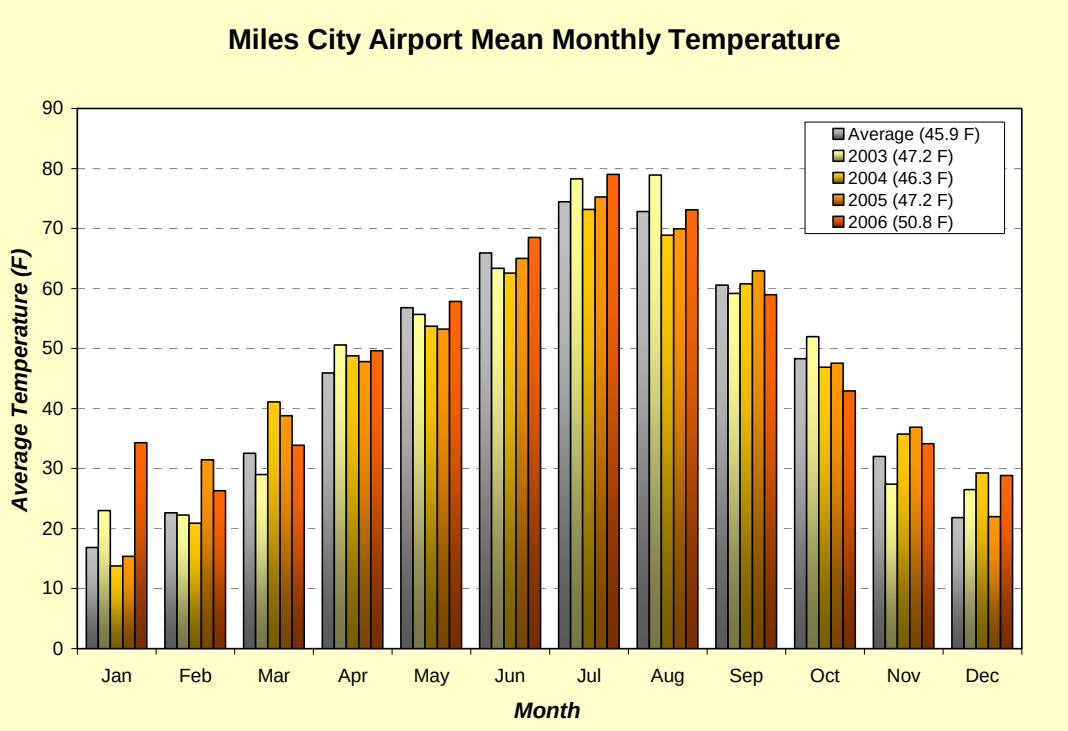


Figure 5-2. Monthly average precipitation at the Sheridan Airport (NCDC station 488155) for the 1948 to 2004 period of record, 2003 through 2006.



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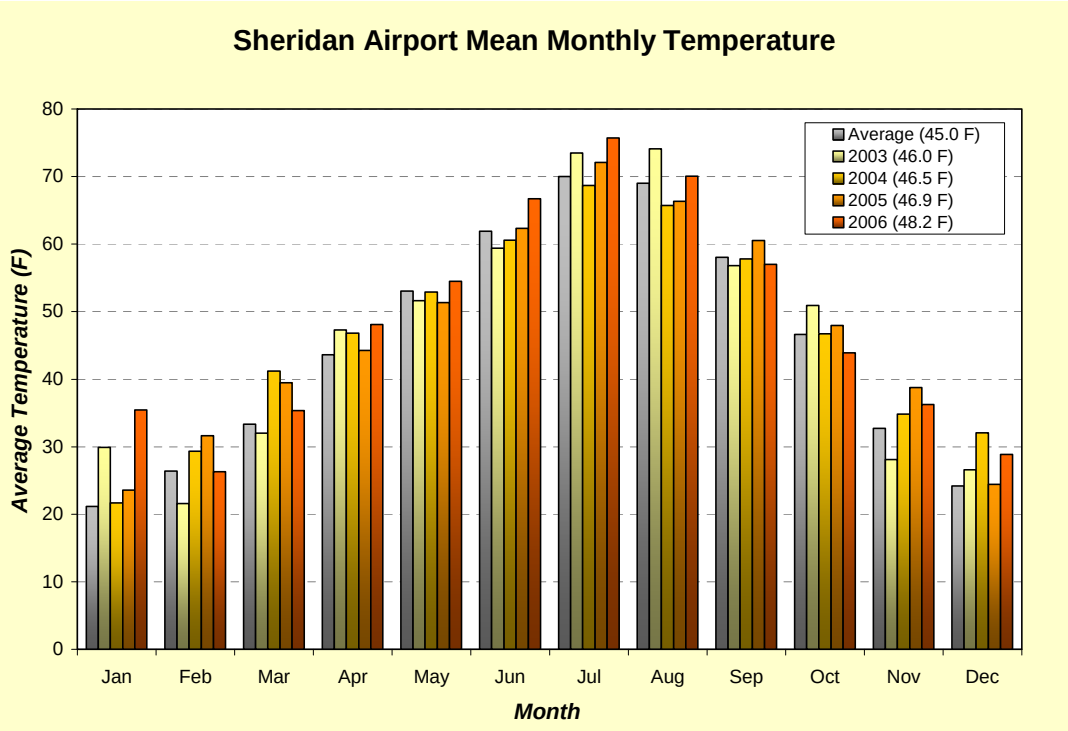

Figure 5-4. Monthly average temperature at the Sheridan Airport (NCDC station 488155) for the 1948 to 2004 period of record, 2003 through 2006.

Flow was below average in 2002, 2004 and 2006, was near-normal in 2003 and 2005 (except above the Tongue River Reservoir where flow was about 60 % of normal during the 2003 growing season, and was above normal in 2005 (Figure 5-5). Based on water quality data collected by the USGS (http://tonguerivermonitoring.cr.usgs.gov/), estimated EC and SAR were both higher from 2002 through 2004 than the long-term average at all stations but were near normal in 2005. This is in keeping with lower than average flow for the 2002 to 2004 period, and the fact EC and SAR tend to increase at lower flows. A gradual decrease in flow and increase in EC and SAR also occurs from the Dam to Brandenburg Bridge. These downstream changes are probably due to the combined effect of natural processes and irrigation withdrawals and return flows. Both tributary waters and irrigation return flows have higher EC and SAR than Tongue River water. Both of these waters make up a progressively larger fraction of the flow when traveling downstream, resulting in downstream EC and SAR increases.

Irrigation water quality varies naturally from year to year even without the influence of CBNG activities. Generally, the EC and SAR tend to increase in drier years.

- Changes in water quality that are unrelated to normal annual fluctuations may be caused by other land use activities in the Tongue River basin. For example, overall acreage of irrigated lands has increased in recent years, and many fields have been converted from flood to sprinkler irrigation. Water quality in irrigated basins may be affected by irrigated acreage, irrigation method, and quantity of return flow.
- Increases in constituents such as EC and SAR that are critical measures of water quality may not necessarily cause adverse effects on crop production. While the relationship between irrigation water quality and crop yields are very site and crop specific, numerous irrigation quality guidelines have been developed (Table 5-1).

It is important to recognize three important aspects of irrigation water quality, namely;

- Comparison of average Tongue River water quality to the irrigation water quality guidelines in Table 5-1 indicates that EC and SAR fall in an acceptable range, with no restrictions on use due to either EC or SAR.
- Review of the other water quality constituents indicates that there are no potentially toxic ions, trace element, nitrate, bicarbonate, or pH problems in Tongue River water.
- Additionally, Tongue River water above the T&Y Diversion generally meets all State of Montana water quality requirements for irrigation water quality.

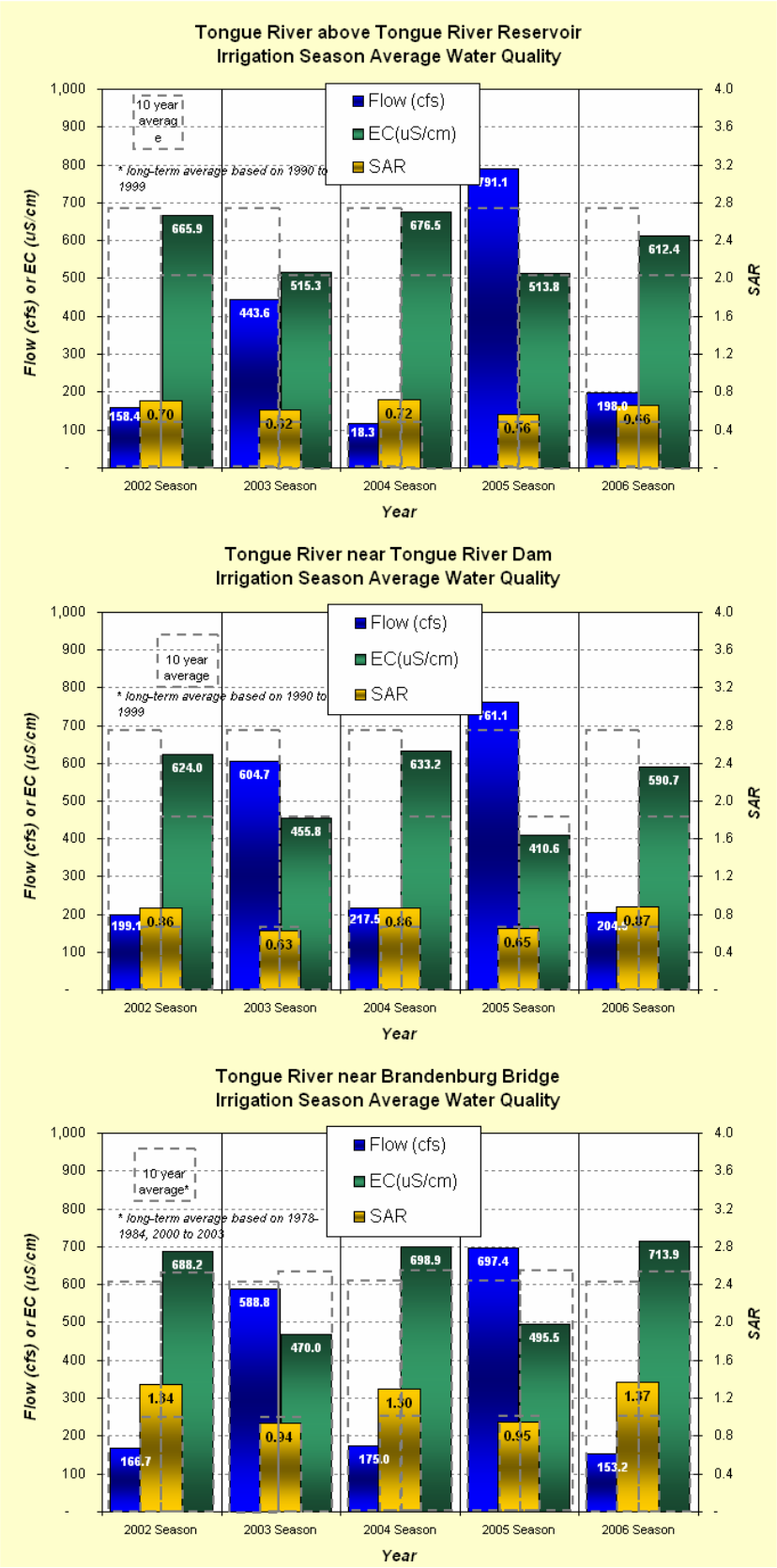

Figure 5-5. Estimated Tongue River flow, EC and SAR during the May 1 to September 30 growing season in 2002 through 2006 (daily average data).

Table 5-1. Interpretation of irrigation water quality (Ayers and Westcot 1994)[1].

Potential Irrigation Problem				Units	Degree of Restriction on Use		
					None	Slight to Moderate	Severe
Salinity *(affects crop water availability)*[2]							
	EC_w			dS/m	< 0.7	0.7 – 3.0	> 3.0
	(or)						
	TDS			mg/l	< 450	450 – 2000	> 2000
Infiltration *(affects infiltration rate of water into the soil. Evaluate using EC_w and SAR together)*[3]							
SAR	= 0 – 3	**and EC_w**	=		> 0.7	0.7 – 0.2	< 0.2
	= 3 – 6		=		> 1.2	1.2 – 0.3	< 0.3
	= 6 – 12		=		> 1.9	1.9 – 0.5	< 0.5
	= 12 – 20		=		> 2.9	2.9 – 1.3	< 1.3
	= 20 – 40		=		> 5.0	5.0 – 2.9	< 2.9
Specific Ion Toxicity *(affects sensitive crops)*							
	Sodium (Na)[4]						
	surface irrigation			SAR	< 3	3 – 9	> 9
	sprinkler irrigation			me/l	< 3	> 3	
	Chloride (Cl)[4]						
	surface irrigation			me/l	< 4	4 – 10	> 10
	sprinkler irrigation			me/l	< 3	> 3	
	Boron (B)[5]			mg/l	< 0.7	0.7 – 3.0	> 3.0
	Trace Elements (see Table 21)						
Miscellaneous Effects *(affects susceptible crops)*							
	Nitrogen (NO_3 - N)[6]			mg/l	< 5	5 – 30	> 30
	Bicarbonate (HCO_3)						
	(overhead sprinkling only)			me/l	< 1.5	1.5 – 8.5	> 8.5
	pH				**Normal Range 6.5 – 8.4**		

[1]*Adapted from University of California Committee of Consultants 1974.*

[2]*ECw means electrical conductivity, a measure of the water salinity, reported in deciSiemens per metre at 25°C (dS/m) or in units millimhos per centimetre (mmho/cm). Both are equiva-lent. TDS means total dissolved solids, reported in milligrams per litre (mg/l).*

[3]*SAR means sodium adsorption ratio. SAR is sometimes reported by the symbol RNa. See Figure1 for the SAR calculation procedure. At*
a given SAR, infiltration rate increases as water salinity increases. Evaluate the potential infiltration problem by SAR as modified by ECw. Adapted from Rhoades 1977, and Oster and Schroer 1979.

[4]*For surface irrigation, most tree crops and woody plants are sensitive to sodium and chlor-ide; use the values shown. Most annual crops are not sensitive; use the salinity tolerance tables (Tables 4 and 5). For chloride tolerance of selected fruit crops, see Table 14. With overhead sprinkler irrigation and low humidity (< 30 percent), sodium and chloride may be absorbed through the leaves of sensitive crops. For crop sensitivity to absorption, see Tables 18, 19 and 20.*

[5]*For boron tolerances, see Tables 16 and 17.*

[6]*NO3 -N means nitrate nitrogen reported in terms of elemental nitrogen (NH4 -N and Organic-N should be included when wastewater is being tested).*

5.2 Statistical Trend Analysis of Basic Soil Properties

A statistical analysis was performed to determine whether there were any significant changes in soil chemical properties during the time spanned by the four sampling events. Additionally, the analysis assessed whether soil properties tend to vary in a systematic fashion with depth, and if average levels of soil properties vary between AMPP sites. The statistical analysis was confined to composite samples from the 10 sites that were irrigated with Tongue River water (Table 5-2 and Appendix C).

All measured soil properties exhibited significant statistical variation between sites and also differed according to soil depth. Only a few soil properties significantly varied with time, however. These included soil pH, CEC, ESP and lime content. Some of these apparent variations may be due to analytical differences associated with laboratory techniques. Finally, depth-related trends in some soil properties varied between sites (e.g. site by depth interaction), and depth-related trends also varied through time.

Table 5-2. Analysis of variance statistical analysis of AMPP soils data.

Analysis of Variance Results	pH (Paste) Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5
Site by Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Time	X							X		X	X		
Site X Time	X										X		
Site by Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site X Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Depth by Time	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Time	X							X		X	X		
Depth X Time													

5.2.1 Depth Variation in AMPP Soil Properties

Statistical analysis showed that all soil properties exhibited significant variation with soil depth and between locations (Appendix C). Additionally, with the exception of pH, sodium, SAR, and CEC, the pattern of change in soil properties with depth tended to differ between sites. While changes in soil properties with depth differed greatly from site to site, the "average" relationship between various soil properties and depth accurately portrays general depth trends. For example, clay content (Figure 5-6) tended to be higher near surface than at depth, which is typical of fluvial deposits, which "fine upwards". Conversely, soil pH

(Figure 5-7) was slightly lower near-surface than at depth, which is typical of most western soils. At depth, abundant lime tends to control pH around 8.0, while closer to the soil surface, organic matter causes a slightly lower pH.

Average EC increased with depth to about 36 inches, where the maximum average value occurred and then decreased slightly from 3 feet to 8 feet (Figure 5-8). EC increasing with depth is typical of both dryland and irrigated soils in semi-arid climates. Infiltration of rainwater or low EC irrigation water, tends to maintain low EC levels near the surface. As plant roots extract water from the soil, they absorb mostly pure water and exclude soluble salts. A gradually decreasing proportion of soil water is extracted by plants as you progress downward through the root zone. Consequently, the greatest accumulation of soluble salts should be expected near the root zone base.

The magnitude of the salinity increase that occurs between the root zone top and base provides an indication of the proportion of water extracted by plants and the remainder, which percolates through the soil passing the base of the root zone. When the quantity of deep percolation is expressed as a percentage of applied water, it is called the "leaching fraction (LF)" in irrigated soils.

Leaching fraction can be determined from the changes in soil EC with depth by applying the simple formula [1] where EC of irrigation water divided by the EC of drainage water is the leaching fraction (Ayers and Westcot 1994). Long-term average EC of Tongue River irrigation water is approximately 650 µS/cm. Drainage water EC can be estimated (equation [2]) from measured soil EC by correcting for the difference in water content of a saturation paste extract (water content at which soil EC is measured) and field soil water content in the deep soil horizons (assumed to be at field capacity since deep drainage occurs). The ratio of saturation water content to field capacity (θ_s/θ_{fc}) varies widely but averages around 2.

$$\mathbf{LF = EC_i/EC_d} \qquad [1]$$

$$\mathbf{EC_d = ECe \times \theta s / \theta fc} \qquad [2]$$

Average saturated paste extract EC in deep horizons is around 3 dS/m, so average drainage water EC from irrigated soils is around 6 dS/m. Assuming average irrigation water EC of 0.65 dS/m, the leaching fraction is around 11 %. This is the long-term average quantity of leaching compared to the quantity of rainfall plus applied irrigation water. If average rainfall is 14 inches, and applied irrigation is 26 inches, then about 4.4 inches of leaching occurs. Deep water movement will not occur after each irrigation, but is likely to occur during wetter seasons of the year (e.g. March through May), and in wetter years.

Higher EC levels that occur at around 3 feet in depth may result from a temporary accumulation of soluble salts resulting from recent multi-year drought cycle, because of associated reductions in the amount of applied irrigation water. The accumulation may also be indicative of a shallow water table that impedes removal of salts by deep drainage.

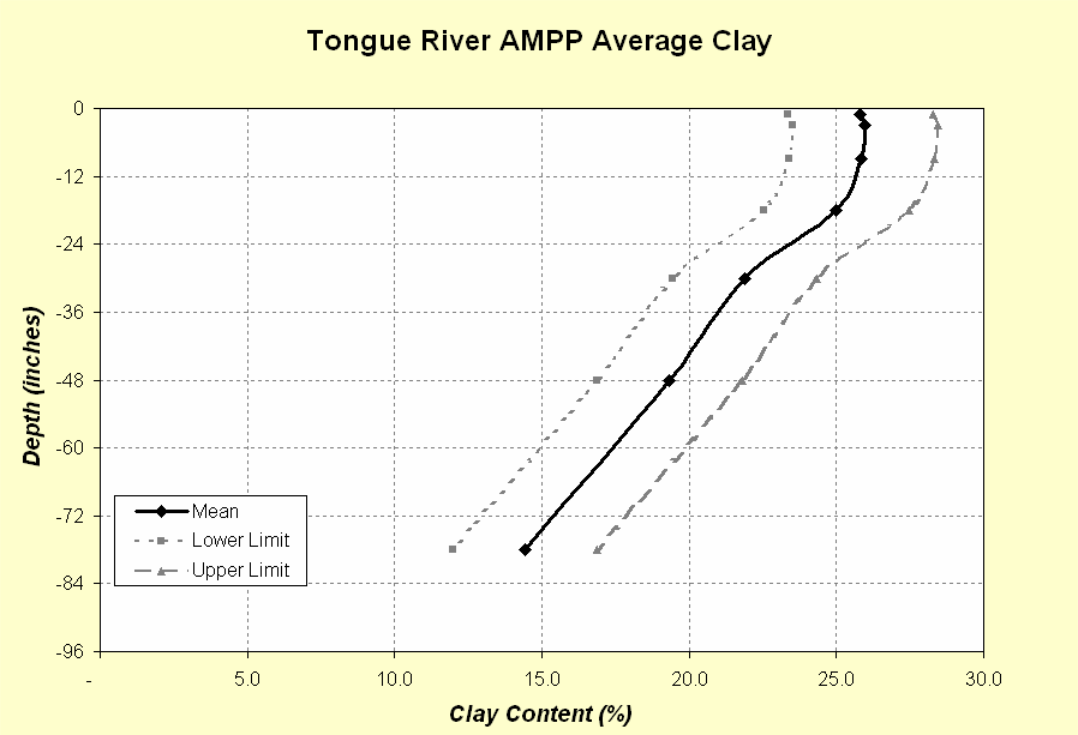

Figure 5-6. Trend in average clay content with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

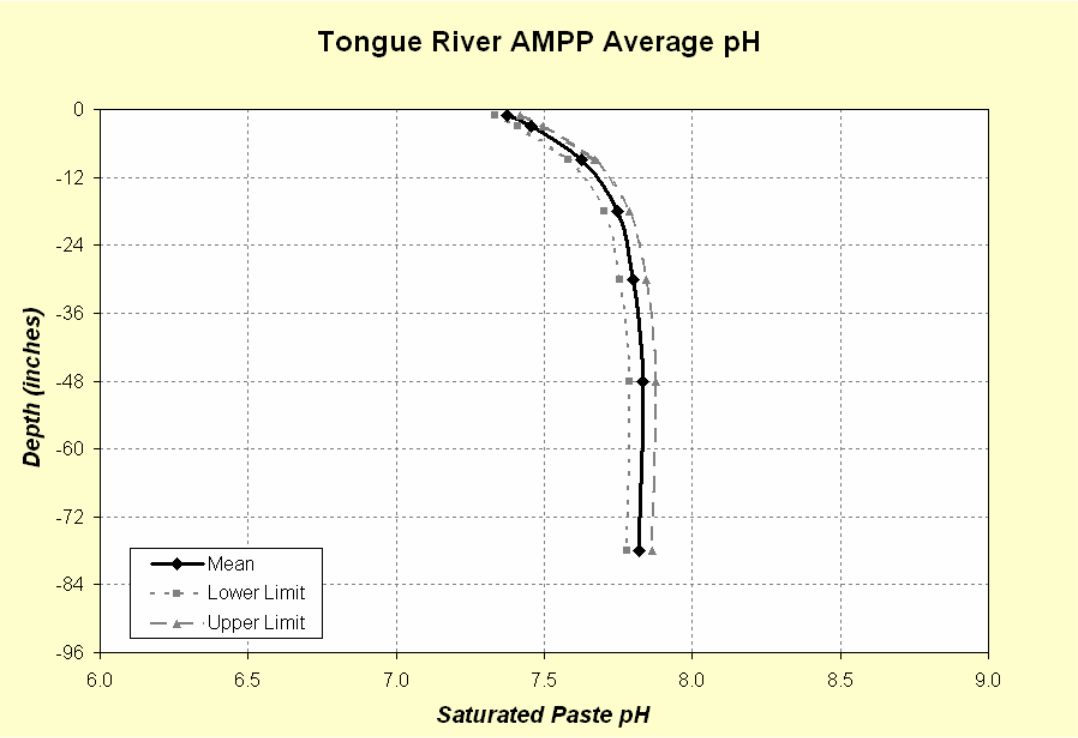

Figure 5-7. Trend in average pH with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

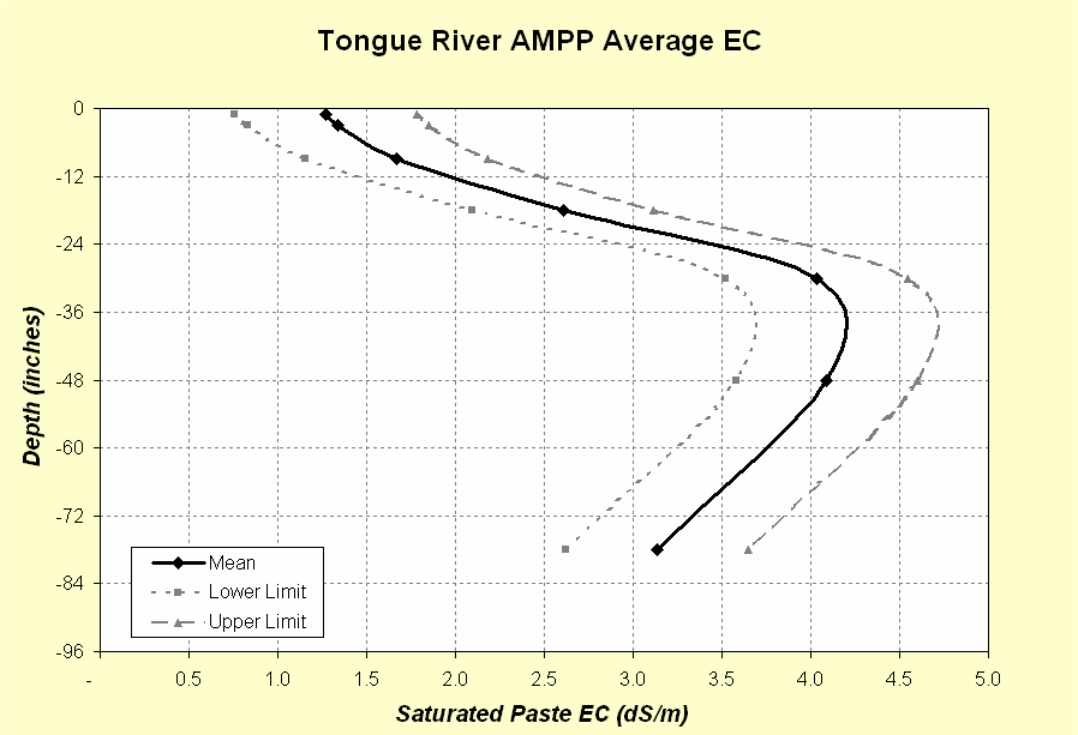

Figure 5-8. Trend in average EC with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

Average ESP and SAR also increase with depth, but not in the same way as EC. ESP increases more continuously from an average of around 2 % near the soil surface to about 8 % in the 5 to 8 foot depth (Figure 5-9). Increase in ESP is in part related to increased EC. As soil dries, concentration of soluble ions increases. If ion concentrations for sodium, calcium and magnesium all double, EC of soil water would double, but SAR would increase according to the square root of two (about 1.4 fold increase).

This assumes that concentrations of all ions change equally. Average soil EC (Figure 5-8) increases from about 1 to about 4 dS/m between the surface and 36 inches in depth. Therefore, as average EC increases by a factor of 4, SAR and ESP should increase by a factor of 2 from the surface SAR of 1 or surface ESP of 2 %. The actual increase is much larger. The larger increase in ESP is attributed to removal of calcium and magnesium from solution due to formation of calcite and magnesium-calcite in the deeper soil layers, and to selective removal of ions by clay minerals (e.g. ion exchange). The fact that average sodium increases more with depth than calcium and magnesium is illustrated in Figure 5-10. SAR, as expected, also increases with depth and reaches a maximum value around 4 to 5 feet (Figure 5-11).

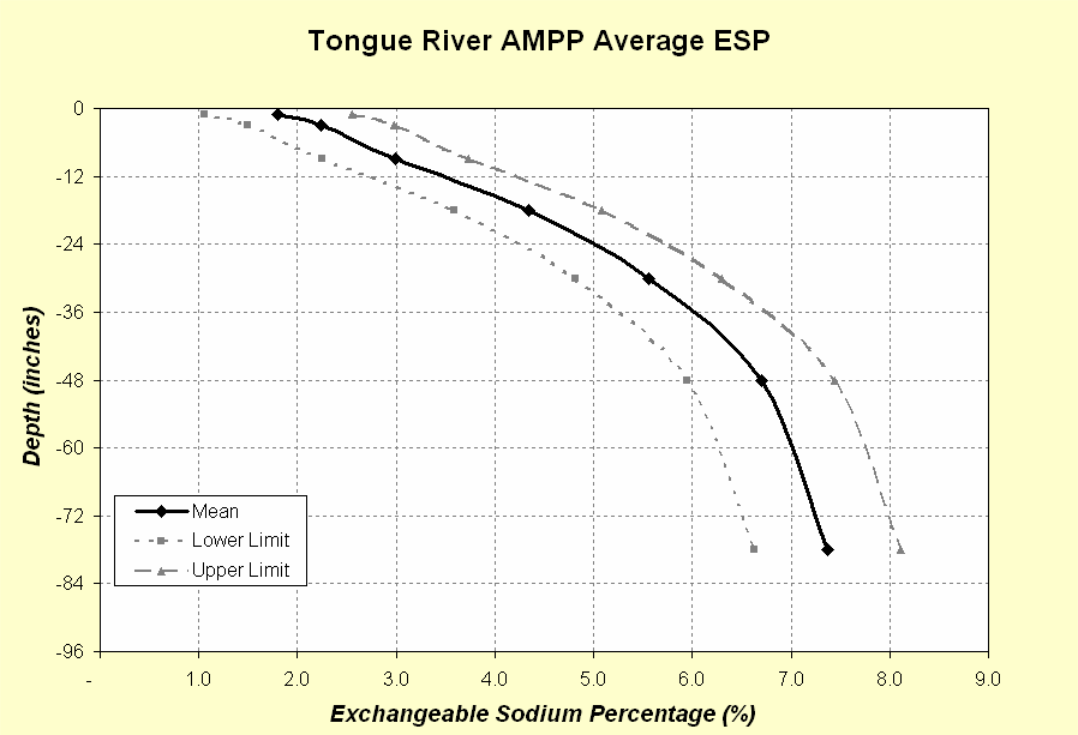

Figure 5-9. Trend in average ESP with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

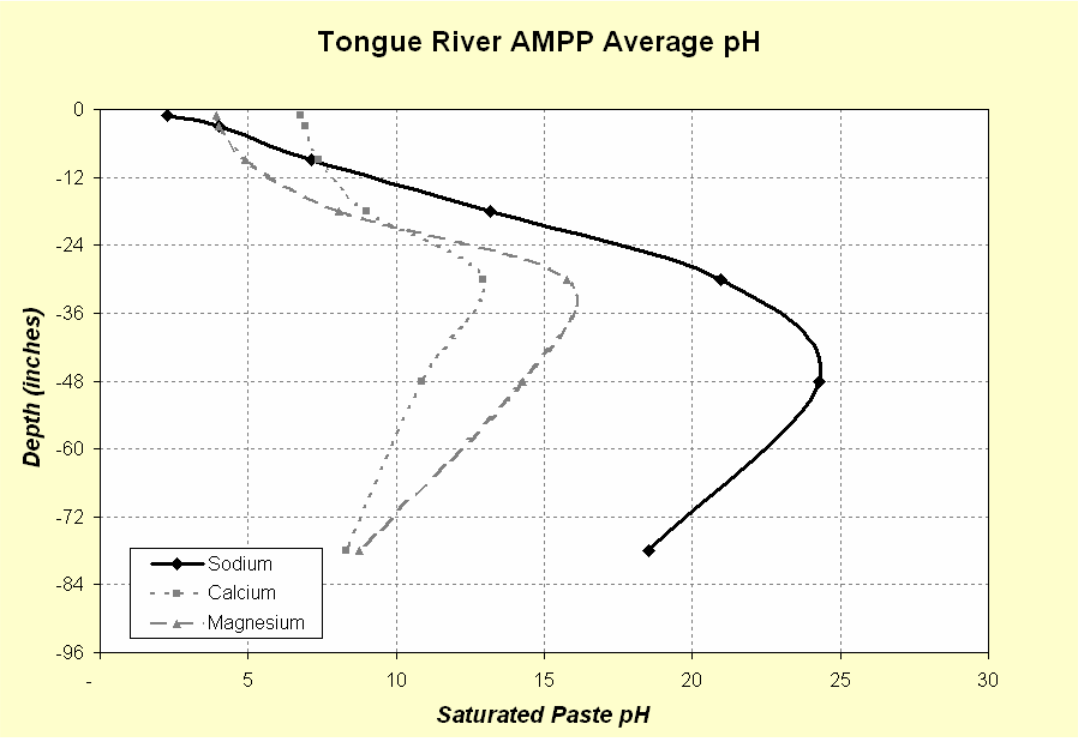

Figure 5-10. Trend in average sodium, calcium and magnesium with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

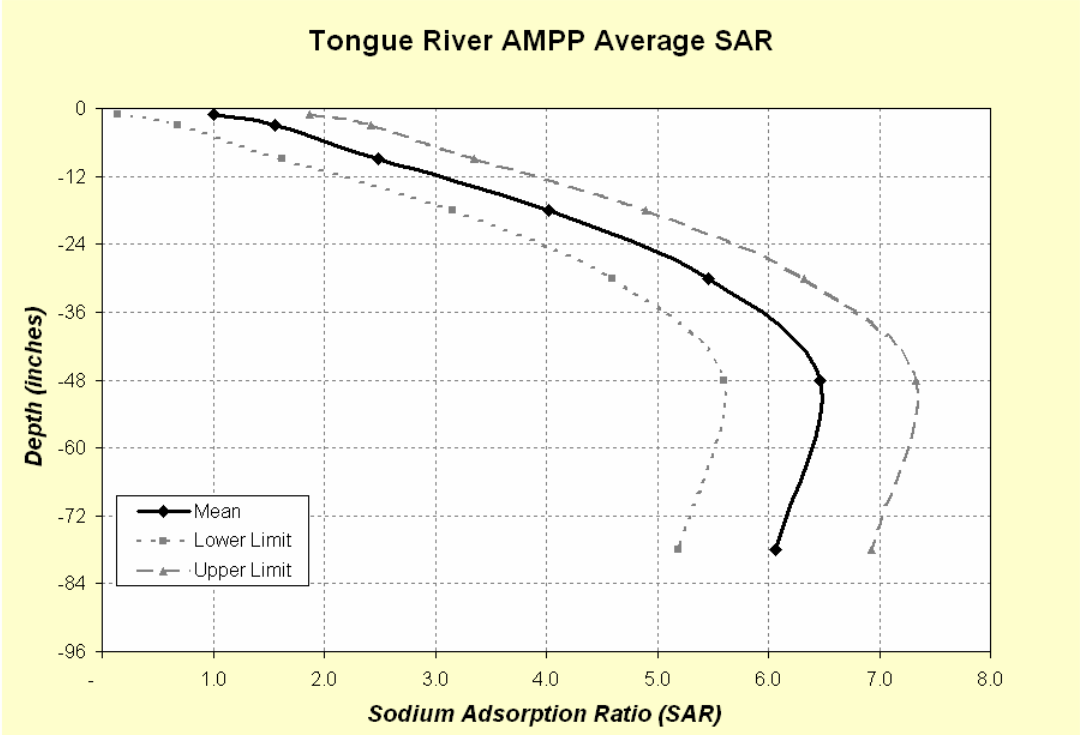

Figure 5-11. Trend in average SAR with depth in composite samples from fields irrigated with Tongue River water.

The pattern of increasing EC with depth is consistent with withdrawal of about 85 to 90 % of the rainfall and applied irrigation water through crop uptake and evaporation. Additionally, the observed increase in ESP and SAR is attributed to evaporative concentration of salts and due to precipitation of calcite and magnesium-calcite compounds.

A geochemical model was used to determine whether evaporation and formation of soil minerals (e.g. calcite and gypsum) would simulate both EC and SAR trends observed with depth. The model used, called PHREEQC (Parkhurst and Appelo 1999), is commonly used for geochemical evaluations involving evaporation and chemical precipitation. The composition of typical Tongue River water was input into the model and plant removal of water was then simulated by evaporating the water in steps until only 2 % of the original water remained. The model simulations included three differing assumptions about formation of soil minerals. In the first case, no minerals were permitted to form. In the second case calcite ($CaCO_3$) and gypsum ($CaSO_4 \cdot H_2O$) were allowed to form. In the third case, calcite, gypsum and a calcite phase containing magnesium substituting for the calcium ($Ca_{(1-x)}Mg_{(x)}CO_3$) were allowed to form. All minerals included in the simulations are commonly observed in AMPP soils.

The model results were evaluated in two ways. First, calculated values of EC and SAR derived from the simulated evaporation of Tongue River water were compared to saturated paste extracts obtained from deep horizons of AMPP Tongue River-irrigated soils (Figure 5-12). Additionally, shallow boreholes were installed in selected AMPP fields to observe whether shallow groundwater occurred in AMPP soils, and also to sample the chemistry of shallow groundwater. If deep percolation from irrigated soils reaches the shallow groundwater, groundwater chemistry should be similar to saturated paste extracts for deeper

soil horizons. Water quality of samples obtained from the boreholes was also compared to model simulations. Water quality data from the shallow boreholes, and depth to groundwater, are presented in Tables 5-3 to 5-5.

Table 5-3. Depth to water and water quality in shallow borehole water samples in selected AMPP fields in the upper Tongue River.

Tier 2 Monitoring Wells

Location: MA

Parameter	Units	Sampling Dates 3/14/05	6/20/05	7/29/05	10/24/05	8/8/06	12/4/06
pH	s.u.	7.7	7.6	**	7.1	7.5	7.4
Conductivity	ummhos/cm	778	1100	**	863	790	772
TSS @105 C	mg/L	7640	4010	**	19200	9980	Not Sampled
TDS @180 C	mg/L						485
Alkalinty,Total	mg/L	504	356	**	334	279	261
Bicarbonates	mg/L	615	435	**	408	340	319
Carbonates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Chloride	mg/L	7	9	**	7	7	5
Sulfate	mg/L	97	275	**	153	127	138
SAR	unitless	0.49	1.14	**	0.94	0.79	0.57
Fluoride	mg/L	0.22	0.34	**	0.29	0.27	0.11
Dis Organic C	mg/L	0.45	5.85	**	2.7	5.5	2
Nitrate + Nitrates	mg/L	ND	0.4	**	0.14	0.08	ND
Calcium	mg/L	111	113	**	96	75	86
Magnesium	mg/L	48	46	**	39	29	31
Sodium	mg/L	24	57	**	43	32	24
Depth of water from soil surface		6.5 ft	3.0 ft	**	4.0 ft		2.9 ft

Location: LA

Parameter	Units	Sampling Dates 3/14/05	6/20/05	7/29/05	10/25/05	6/21/06	12/11/06
pH	s.u.	7.4	7.6	**	7.1	7.4	7.2
Conductivity	ummhos/cm	2740	2710	**	3100	2190	2980
TSS @105 C	mg/L	785	713	**	6610	7850	Not Sampled
TDS @180 C	mg/L						2360
Alkalinty,Total	mg/L	540	491	**	573	470	512
Bicarbonates	mg/L	658	599	**	699	573	625
Carbonates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Chloride	mg/L	19	21	**	18	9	9
Sulfate	mg/L	1260	1060	**	1450	777	1230
SAR	unitless	3.08	4.63	**	3.75	3.24	3.52
Fluoride	mg/L	0.22	0.33	**	0.25	0.23	0.23
Dis Organic C	mg/L	4.25	12.6	**	9.4	9.4	12.6
Nitrate + Nitrates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Calcium	mg/L	276	169	**	277	186	254
Magnesium	mg/L	140	99	**	149	104	129
Sodium	mg/L	252	307	**	312	223	276
Depth of water from soil surface		10.0 ft	3.0 ft	**	7.0 ft		11.2

* No recoverable water.
** Did not sample these locations on that date due to previously being sampled.
ND-Not detected at the reporting limit.

Table 5-4. Depth to water and water quality in shallow borehole water samples in selected AMPP fields in the middle Tongue River.

Tier 2 Monitoring Wells

Location: GA

Parameter	Units	Sampling Dates 3/15/05	6/7/05	7/29/05	10/26/05	6/21/06	12/12/06
pH	s.u.	7.4	7.5	**	7.2	7.3	7.3
Conductivity	ummhos/cm	1350	1700	**	1370	2000	1780
TSS @105 C	mg/L	2050	860	**	2320	1250	Not Sampled
TDS @180 C	mg/L						1170
Alkalinty,Total	mg/L	490	441	**	450	654	478
Bicarbonates	mg/L	598	539	**	549	798	583
Carbonates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Chloride	mg/L	7	7	**	6	6	6
Sulfate	mg/L	340	442	**	339	446	479
SAR	unitless	3.37	4.59	**	3.47	5.73	4.05
Fluoride	mg/L	0.35	0.52	**	0.32	0.55	0.33
Dis Organic C	mg/L	0.52	ND	**	1.4	13.6	6.3
Nitrate + Nitrates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Calcium	mg/L	92	100	**	86	109	114
Magnesium	mg/L	49	52	**	45	58	56
Sodium	mg/L	161	227	**	160	298	211
Depth of water from soil surface		9.5 ft	8.0 ft	**	9.5 ft		11.4

Location: EA

Parameter	Units	Sampling Dates 3/15/05	6/7/05	7/29/05	10/26/05	6/5/06	12/12/06
pH	s.u.	7.7	7.6	**	7.4	7.6	7.4
Conductivity	ummhos/cm	1870	1920	**	1900	1890	1990
TSS @105 C	mg/L	3580	2310	**	2890	561	Not Sampled
TDS @180 C	mg/L						1320
Alkalinty,Total	mg/L	622	524	**	588	566	549
Bicarbonates	mg/L	759	639	**	717	691	669
Carbonates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Chloride	mg/L	11	10	**	10	9	9
Sulfate	mg/L	592	533	**	570	538	560
SAR	unitless	2.84	2.89	**	2.87	2.77	2.86
Fluoride	mg/L	0.45	0.47	**	0.56	0.55	0.49
Dis Organic C	mg/L	0.64	1.13	**	3.2	5.3	5.1
Nitrate + Nitrates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Calcium	mg/L	125	121	**	112	113	130
Magnesium	mg/L	110	109	**	112	108	106
Sodium	mg/L	181	182	**	180	172	192
Depth of water from soil surface		8.5 ft	7.0 ft	**	8.5 ft		9.45 ft

* No recoverable water.
** Did not sample these locations on that date due to previously being sampled.
ND-Not detected at the reporting limit.

Table 5-5. Depth to water and water quality in shallow borehole water samples in selected AMPP fields in the lower Tongue River.

Tier 2 Monitoring Wells

Location: DA

Parameter	Units	Sampling Dates 3/9/05	6/7/05	7/29/05	10/27/05	7/17/06	12/12/06
pH	s.u.	7.9	7.7	**	7.3	7.3	7.3
Conductivity	ummhos/cm	4570	6030	**	6330	10800	8540
TSS @105 C	mg/L	1280	5260	**	9720	17900	Not Sampled
TDS @ 180 C	mg/L						7320
Alkalinty,Total	mg/L	631	686	**	704	882	808
Bicarbonates	mg/L	770	837	**	859	1080	986
Carbonates	mg/L	ND	ND	**	ND	ND	ND
Chloride	mg/L	18	26	**	35	71	61
Sulfate	mg/L	2090	2800	**	3240	5720	4250
SAR	unitless	12.3	14.8	**	13.8	19.2	13.8
Fluoride	mg/L	0.52	0.52	**	0.51	0.47	0.45
Dis Organic C	mg/L	7.4	2.03	**	11.7	22.8	17.1
Nitrate + Nitrates	mg/L	0.19	ND	**	ND	0.38	ND
Calcium	mg/L	176	219	**	267	341	414
Magnesium	mg/L	120	160	**	199	320	273
Sodium	mg/L	861	1180	**	1220	2060	1470
Depth of water from soil surface		3.5 ft	3.0 ft	**	3 .0 ft		4.1 ft

Location: YAA

Parameter	Units	Sampling Dates 3/9/05	6/7/05	7/29/05	10/27/05	6/5/06	12/13/06
pH	s.u.	*	*	7.6	7.6	7.7	*
Conductivity	ummhos/cm	*	*	9560	6290	8170	*
TSS @105 C	mg/L	*	*	368	3530	1030	*
Alkalinty,Total	mg/L	*	*	1050	998	1170	*
Bicarbonates	mg/L	*	*	1290	1220	1430	*
Carbonates	mg/L	*	*	ND	ND	ND	*
Chloride	mg/L	*	*	100	60	85	*
Sulfate	mg/L	*	*	4580	2550	3560	*
SAR	unitless	*	*	21.0	20.1	16.7	*
Fluoride	mg/L	*	*	0.74	0.8	0.71	*
Dis Organic C	mg/L	*	*	98.0	55	87.7	*
Nitrate + Nitrates	mg/L	*	*	63.8	20.2	43.8	*
Calcium	mg/L	*	*	303	159	301	*
Magnesium	mg/L	*	*	220	118	2.9	*
Sodium	mg/L	*	*	1970	1370	1550	*
Depth of water from soil surface		n/a	n/a	5.5 ft	6.0 ft		7.56 ft

* No recoverable water.
** Did not sample these locations on that date due to previously being sampled.
ND-Not detected at the reporting limit.

Changes in EC and SAR that would be expected in deeper AMPP soils as a result of plant water uptake and evaporation were simulated with a geochemical model (Figure 5-13). The

model shows that if no soil minerals formed, SAR in the deeper soil layers at an EC of 5 to 10 dS/m would only be in the range of 2 to 3. If calcite and gypsum form (which does not remove magnesium from soil water), SAR would range from 3 to 8 in the EC range of 5 to 10. If a magnesium calcite is also allowed to form, then SAR could range from 3 to 17, which is close to the observed range found in soil extracts. The trend in EC vs. SAR in soil extracts yielded a slightly higher SAR at a specific EC level than was predicted by the geochemical model. This small difference is attributed to the effects of ion exchange on SAR levels.

EC and SAR trends in water samples obtained from shallow boreholes was very similar to observations in soil extracts, which lends support to the hypothesis that shallow groundwater quality is determined by percolation of water from irrigated soils. Additionally, EC and SAR levels observed in deep soil horizons and in boreholes corresponded to a range in simulated leaching fraction from 5 % or less to greater than 30%. The most commonly observed EC and SAR values corresponded to a leaching fraction of 10 to 20 %.

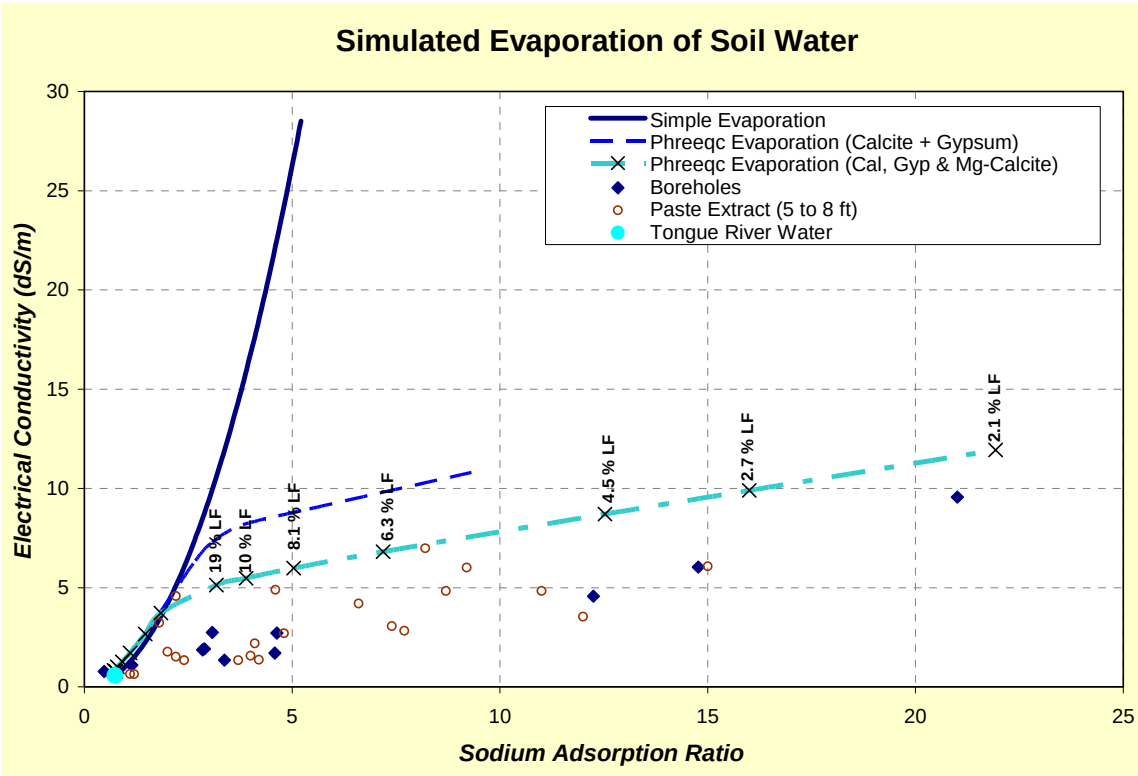

Figure 5-12. Comparison of simulated Tongue River water evaporation to saturated paste extract and shallow borehole water quality.

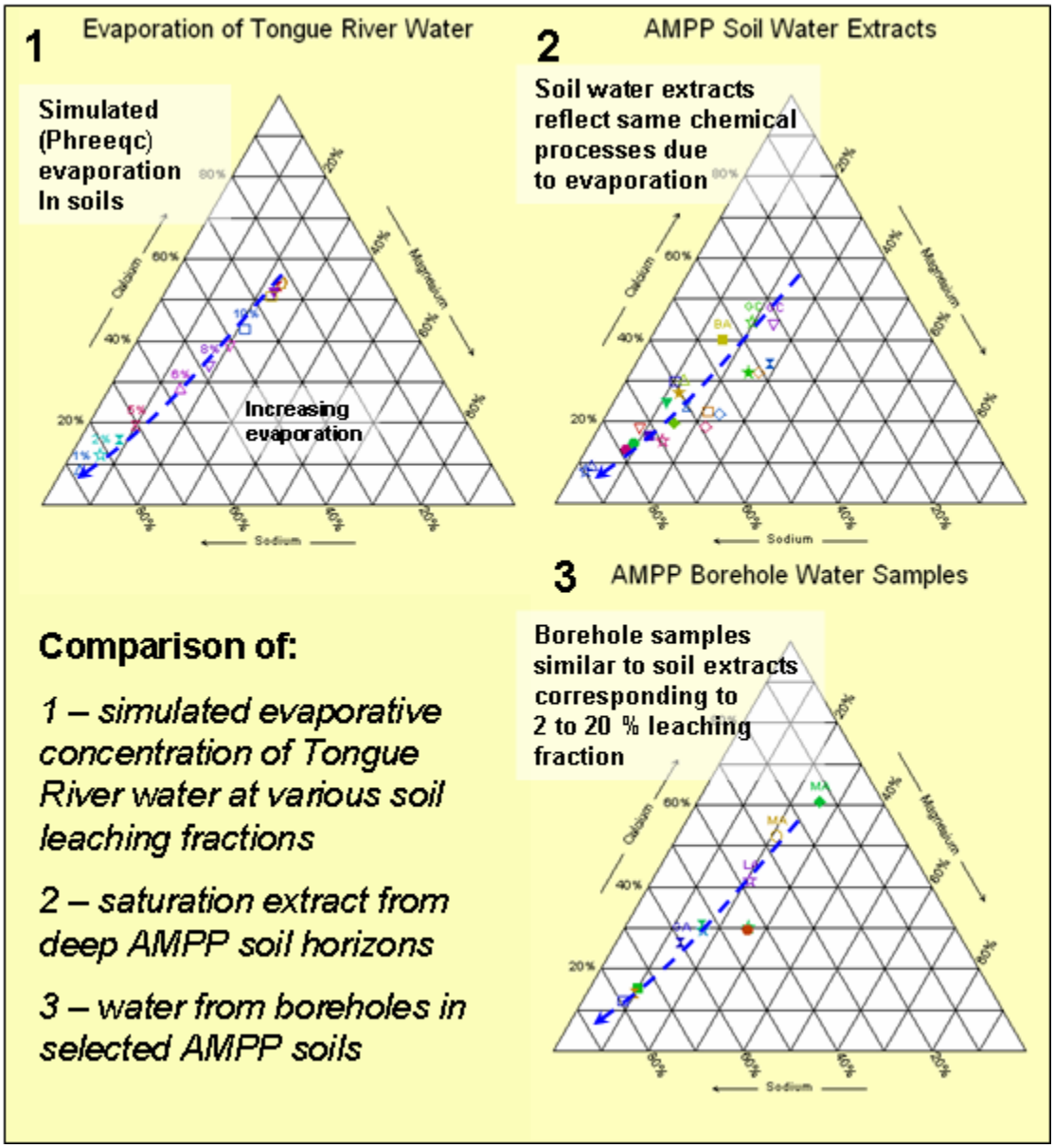

Figure 5-13. Ternary diagrams of soluble calcium, magnesium and sodium in simulated Tongue River water evaporation, saturated paste extracts and shallow borehole water samples.

5.2.2 Differences Between AMPP Sites

All soil properties analyzed in the AMPP significantly differed between sites. This is not surprising given the natural variability in soil properties. Some soil properties are unlikely to be affected by differences in agronomic management or CBNG development. Differences in these properties are therefore likely caused by natural differences in geology and soil development processes.

Soil properties that change little through time (sand, silt, clay, saturation water content, organic matter and lime) were averaged for all composite samples to a depth of 36 inches (12 inches for organic matter). Although there are significant differences between sites

(Figure 5-14 to 5-19), there is no systematic change with location along the Tongue River. Sand content (Figure 5-14) averaged 25 %, but was less than 15 % at sites GC, EA, BC, BD, and BHA. Site BD had corresponding higher silt content (Figure 5-15) while remaining sites were higher in clay (Figure 5-16). Average clay content across all sites was only 28 %, which dispels the conventional wisdom that Tongue River irrigated fields have high clay soils. While a few sites, notable site BC, have relatively high clay content, most soils are medium-textured with loam or silt loams predominant.

Saturation percentage, which is the water content at which soil appears saturated, (Figure 5-17) averages about 40 % by weight, and generally parallels clay content. Sandier soils have saturation percentage around 30 % while finer textured soils reach as high as 60 %. Saturation percentage is important, because it is the water content at which the saturated paste extract solution is prepared. As such, saturation percentage influences measured EC, soluble calcium, magnesium, and sodium levels. As saturation percentage increases, ion concentrations decrease.

Organic matter content (Figure 5-18) varies from 1 to 2 % in the upper 12 inches, while lime content (Figure 5-19) ranges from 4 to 10 % with a possible decrease in lime content from upper to lower river.

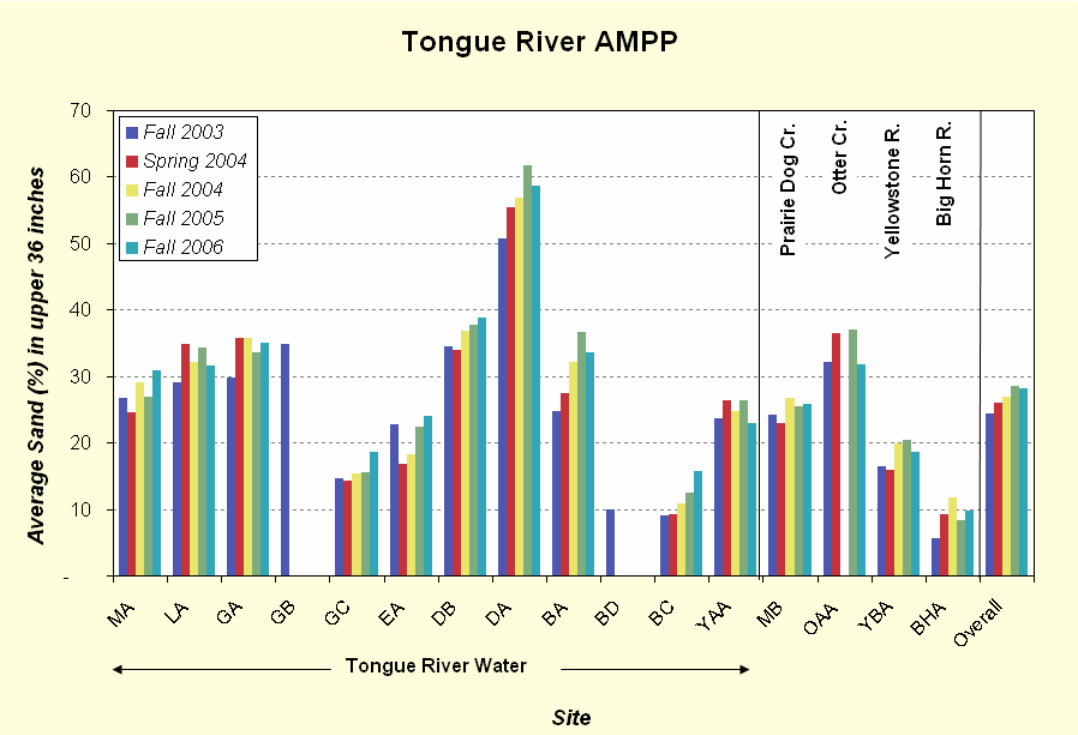

Figure 5-14. Average sand content (%) in the <2mm fraction to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

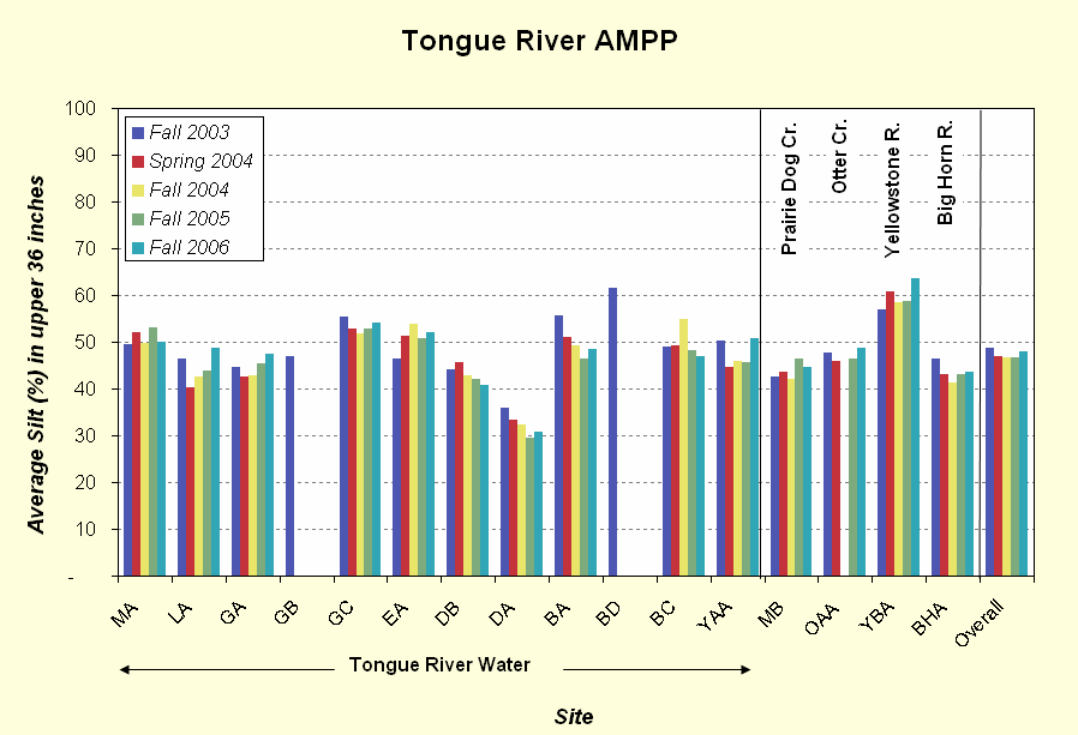

Figure 5-15. Average silt content (%) in the <2mm fraction to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

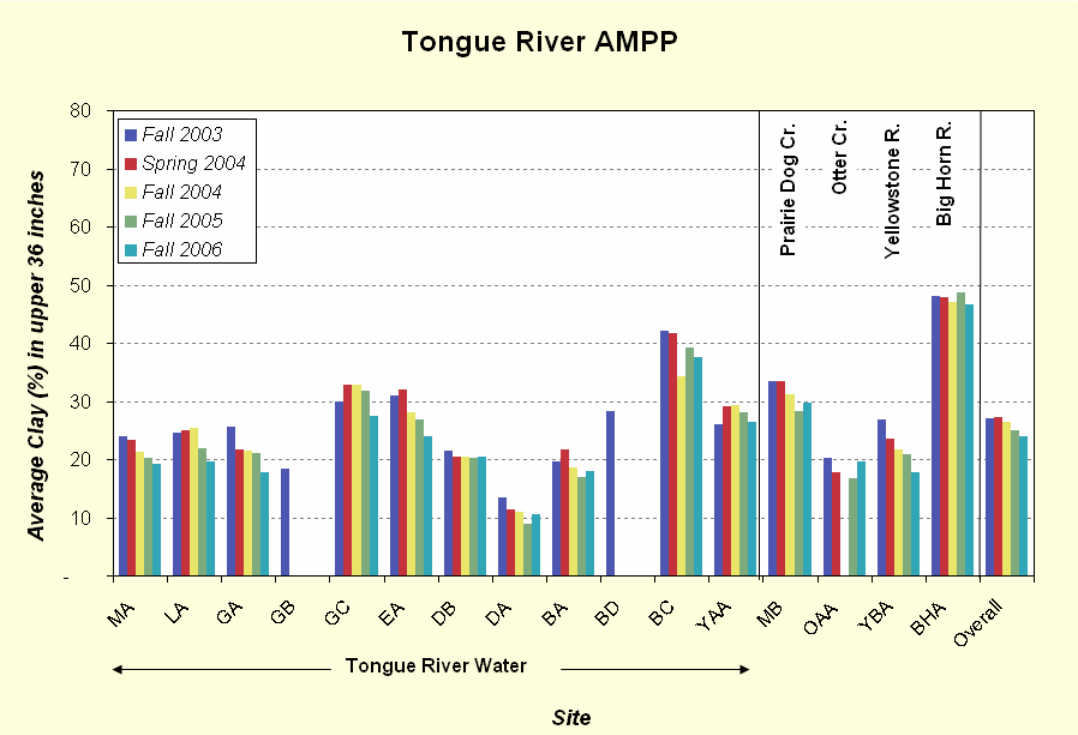

Figure 5-16. Average clay content (%) in the <2mm fraction to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

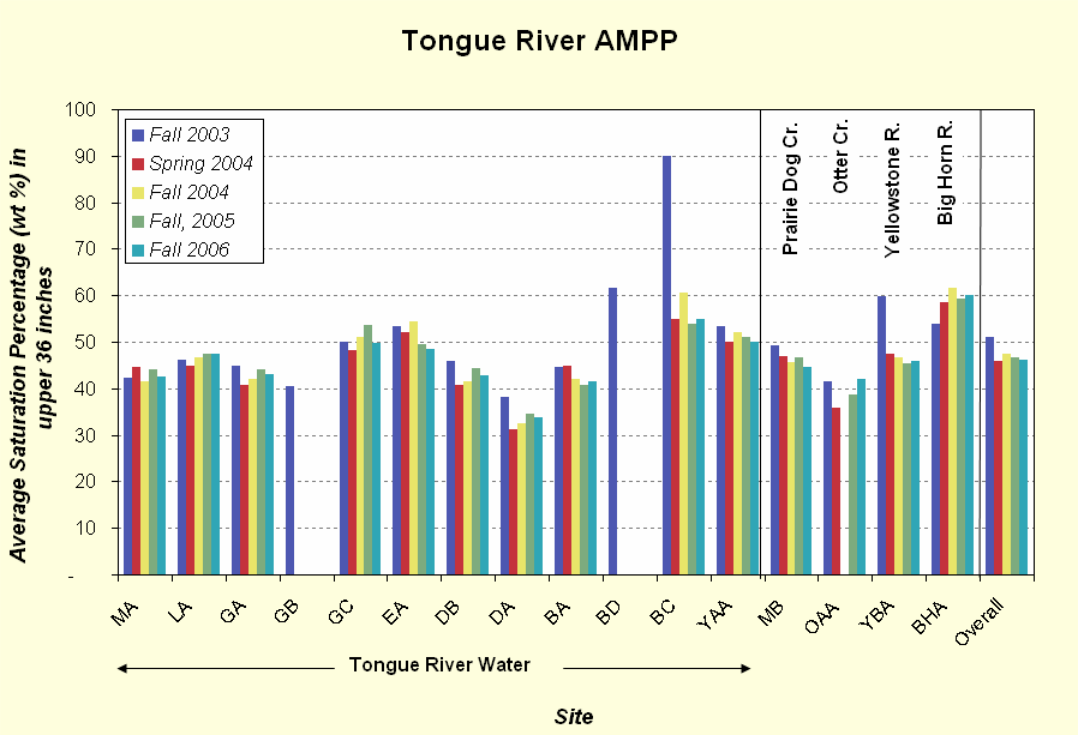

Figure 5-17. Average saturation percentage water content to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

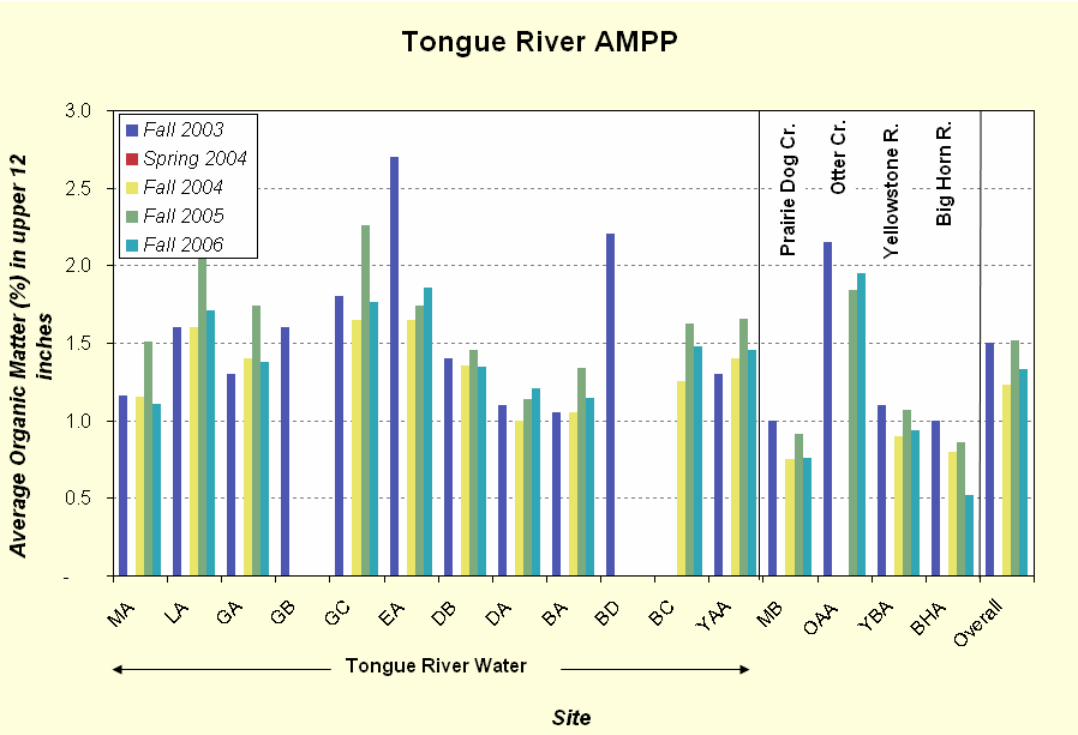

Figure 5-18. Average organic matter content (%) to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

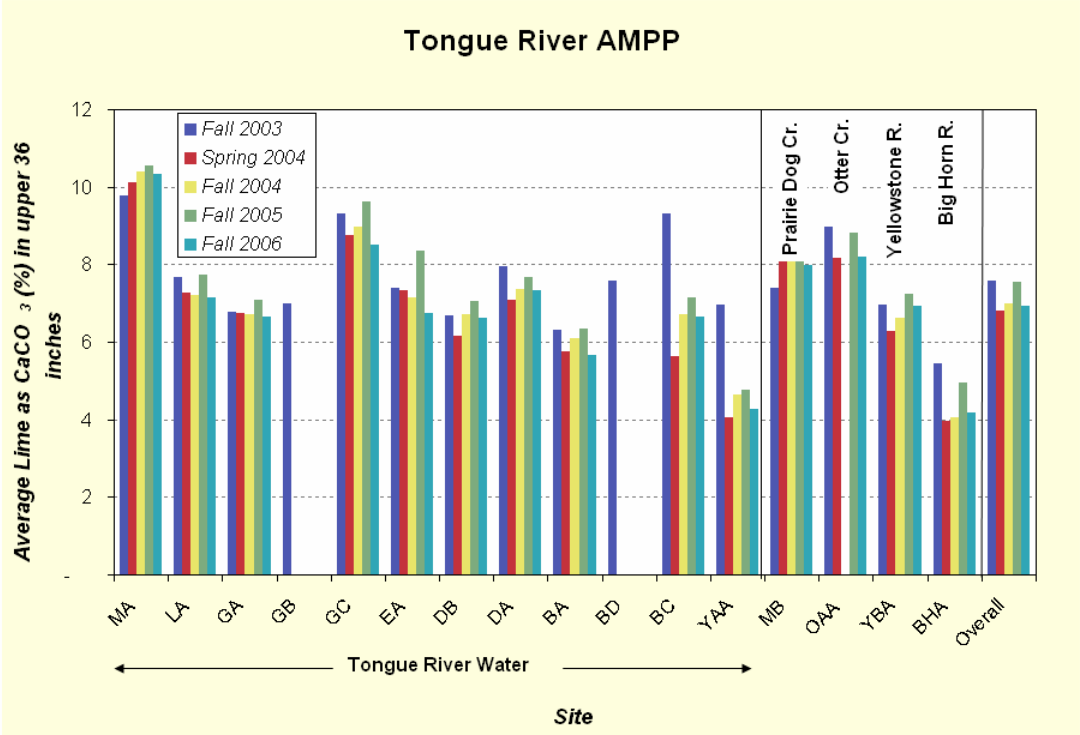

Figure 5-19. Average lime content (as $CaCO_3$ %) to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

Soil pH, EC, ESP and SAR (Figure 5-20 to 5-24) are properties that are more sensitive to short term changes in management, water quality, and climate than the static soil properties discussed above. As such, changes in these properties through time are carefully scrutinized to detect changes due to CBNG development or other factors. Statistically significant changes through time (section 5.2.3) occurred only for pH, CEC, lime, and ESP. Other apparent changes through time are too small to be considered statistically meaningful. Average pH of all soils (Figure 5-20) fell in a very narrow range of 7.6 to 8.0 that reflects control of soil pH by abundant lime in Tongue River soils. When lime is present, soil pH tends to remain between 7.5 and 8.3 unless very high sodium levels exist. In sodic soils, pH may exceed 9.0. Overall average pH changed from 7.8 to 7.6 between first and last sampling, though this change is attributed to laboratory techniques.

Depth-weighted average EC in the upper 36 inches is shown in Figure 5-21. The average for all soils was around 2.5 dS/m and most individual fields fell close to this average value. Sites GC, DB, and BA had lower than average EC, probably owing to application of a greater quantity of irrigation water at these sites. Site DA, had higher than average EC, which was probably caused by contributions from tributary runoff onto this field that prior to 2003 was non-irrigated. In irrigation research, soil EC is often expressed on a "root zone uptake weighted" basis. This approach reflects the fact that most water uptake (about 40 %) occurs in the upper 25 % of the root zone, and only about 10 % of the water is taken up from the deepest part of the root zone (e.g. 36 to 48 inches). Root zone uptake weighted EC (Ayers and Westcot 1991) (Figure 5-22) was similar to depth weighted average EC (in the upper 3 feet of soil).

Depth weighted ESP (Figure 5-23) averaged just over 4 % and most soils had field-average ESP values close to this value. The only exception was site DA, which was recently brought under irrigation and which also had high EC values. Greasewood, a common indicator of sodium-enriched soils, is abundant in the vicinity of this field near the mouth of Foster Creek. SAR values (Figure 5-24) were similar to ESP, with an average value of just under 4%. Only site DA had SAR values significantly higher than 4 %.

Average ESP for 0 to 36 inches in AMPP soils decreased from around 4 in the first 3 measurements to less than 3 in the fall 2005 sampling. This change, which is statistically significant, may be due to subtle differences in the laboratory analytical technique, or may be due to increased rainfall and irrigation in 2005, which rinsed sodium from the soils.

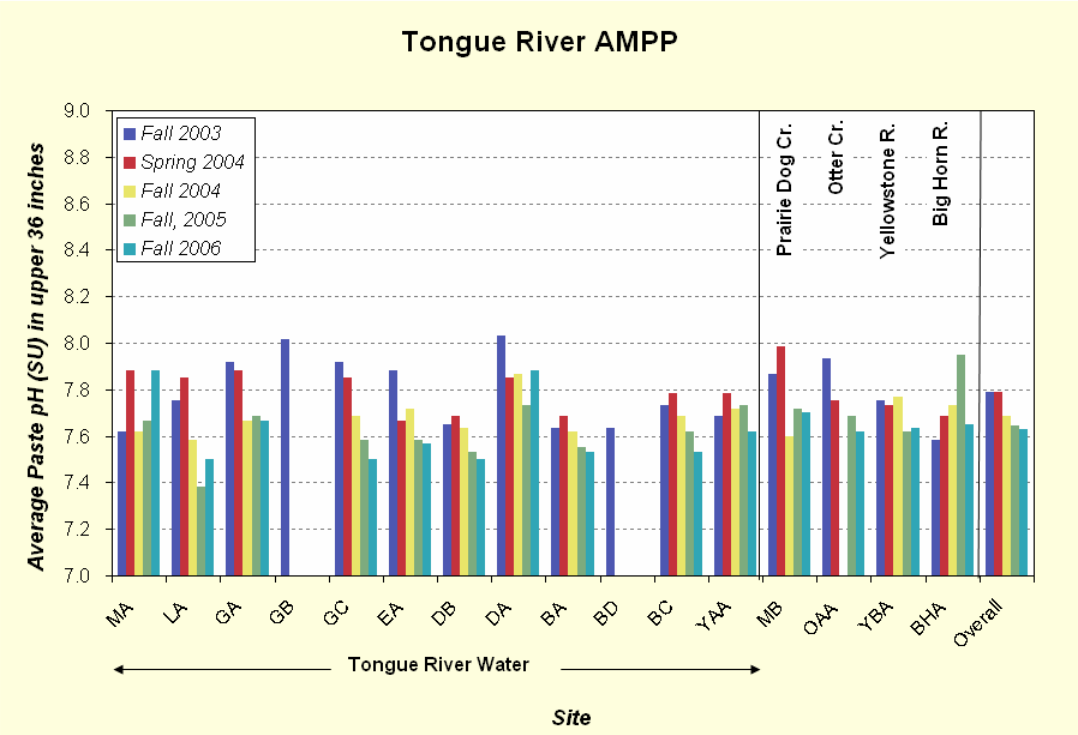

Figure 5-20. Average paste pH to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

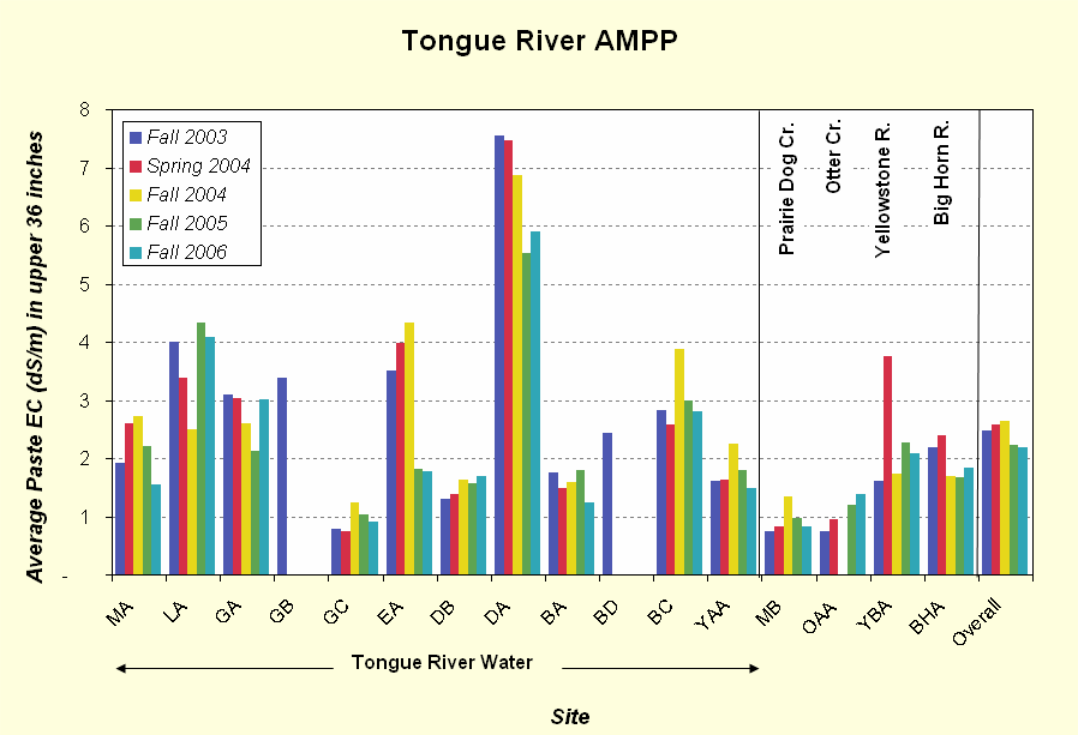

Figure 5-21. Average paste EC (dS/m) to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

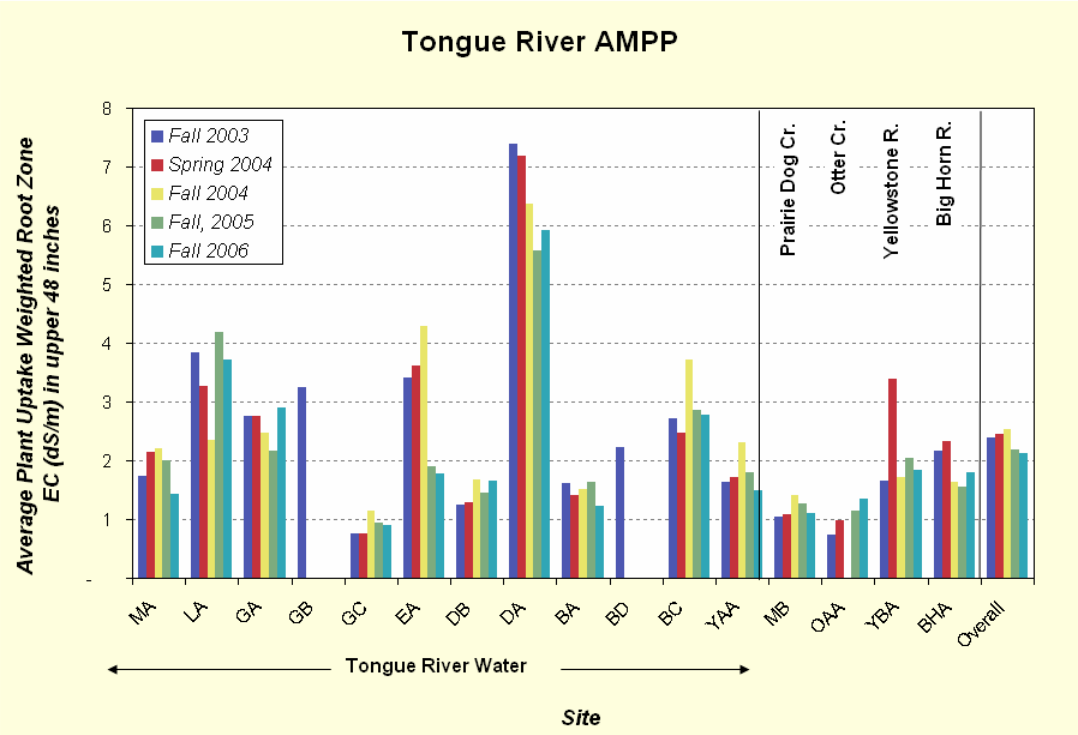

Figure 5-22. Root zone water uptake averaged paste EC (dS/m) to 48 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

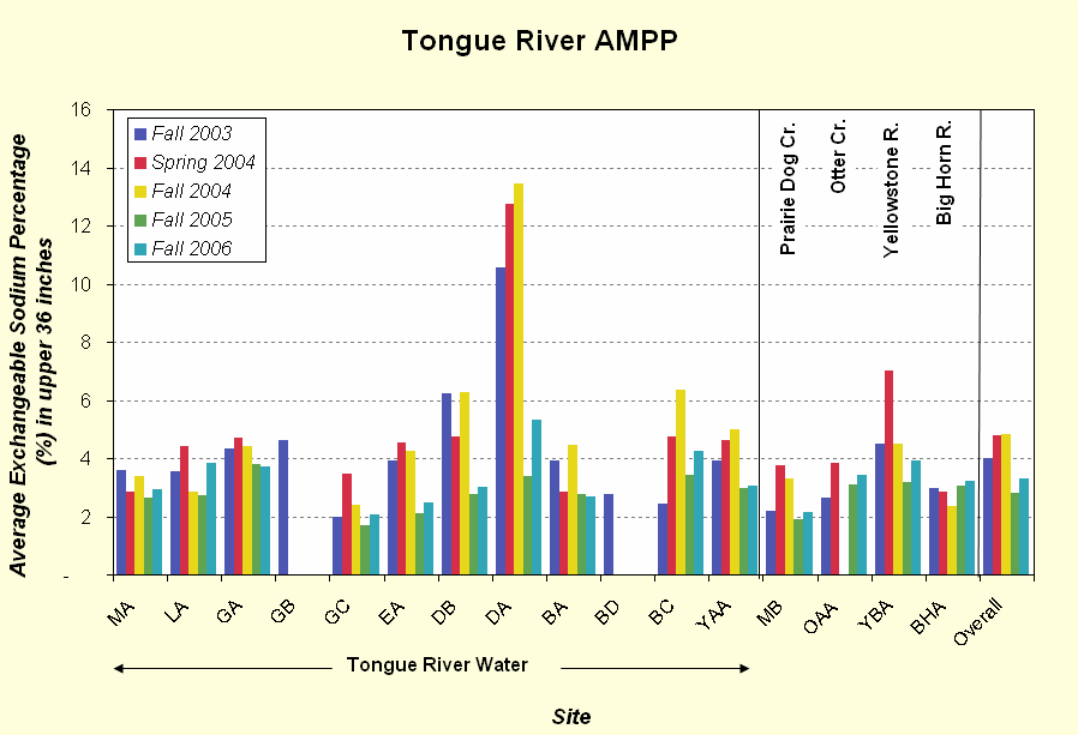

Figure 5-23. Average ESP (%) to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

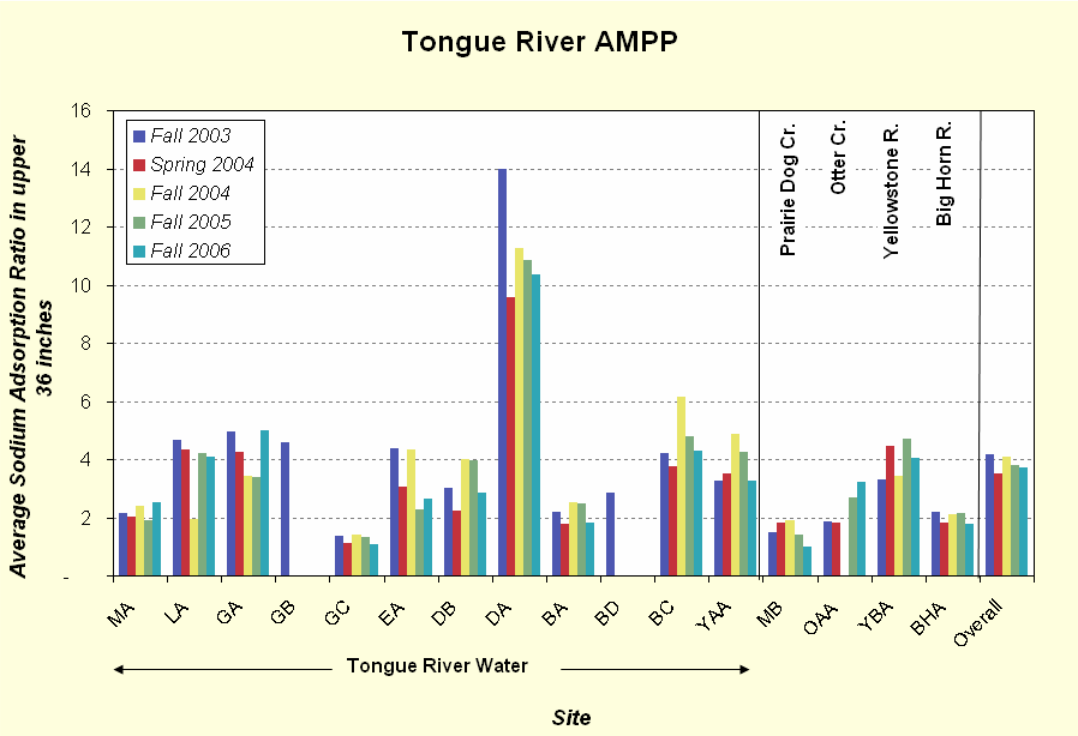

Figure 5-24. Average paste extract SAR to 36 inches in AMPP sites for each sampling period.

5.2.3 Trends in AMPP Soil through Time

Only four soil properties exhibited any statistically significant changes through time (Appendix C). These included pH, CEC, lime content, and ESP (Figure 5-25 to 5-28). Except for ESP, these properties are usually regarded as static rather than dynamic soil properties. Soil pH (Figure 5-25), however, may vary through time response to fertilization or changes in ESP. The pH decreased slightly from 7.76 in fall 2003 to 7.58 in fall 2005, which is likely due to laboratory influences such as instrument calibration. While differences in average CEC (Figure 5-26) and lime content (Figure 5-27) were larger than for pH, the authors could not conceive of a process (other than laboratory bias) that could cause significant changes in these properties. ESP decreased most likely was a result of increased rainfall and applied irrigation water in 2005(Figure 5-28), which represented a return to normal rainfall after 4 or more years of drought. The decrease in ESP from fall, 2004 to 2005 (from 5.5 to 3.2 %) also corresponded to a measured increase in CEC from 22.3 to 26.5 meq/100 g, which was probably the result of changes in laboratory practices. However, even after correcting for CEC bias, the 72 % ESP decrease still represents a 45 % decline in exchangeable sodium (in meq/100 g). Therefore, the ESP decrease is assumed to be a real phenomenon that is related to increased rainfall and subsequently greater leaching.

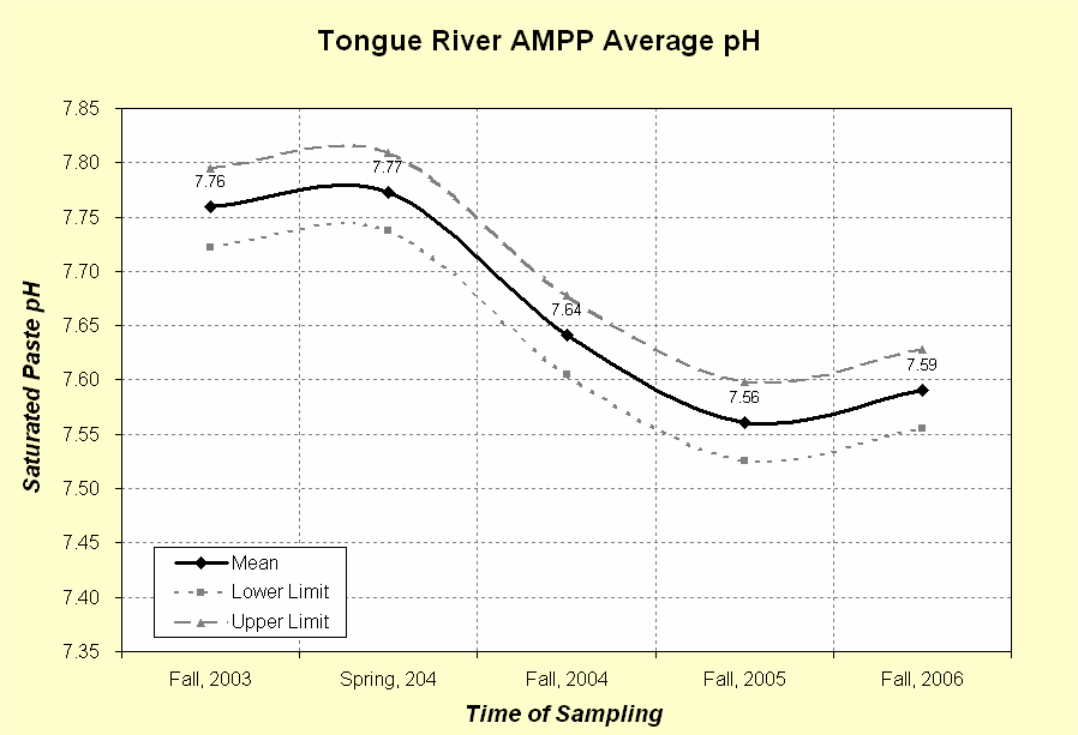

Figure 5-25. Trend in average pH from composite samples irrigated with Tongue River water.

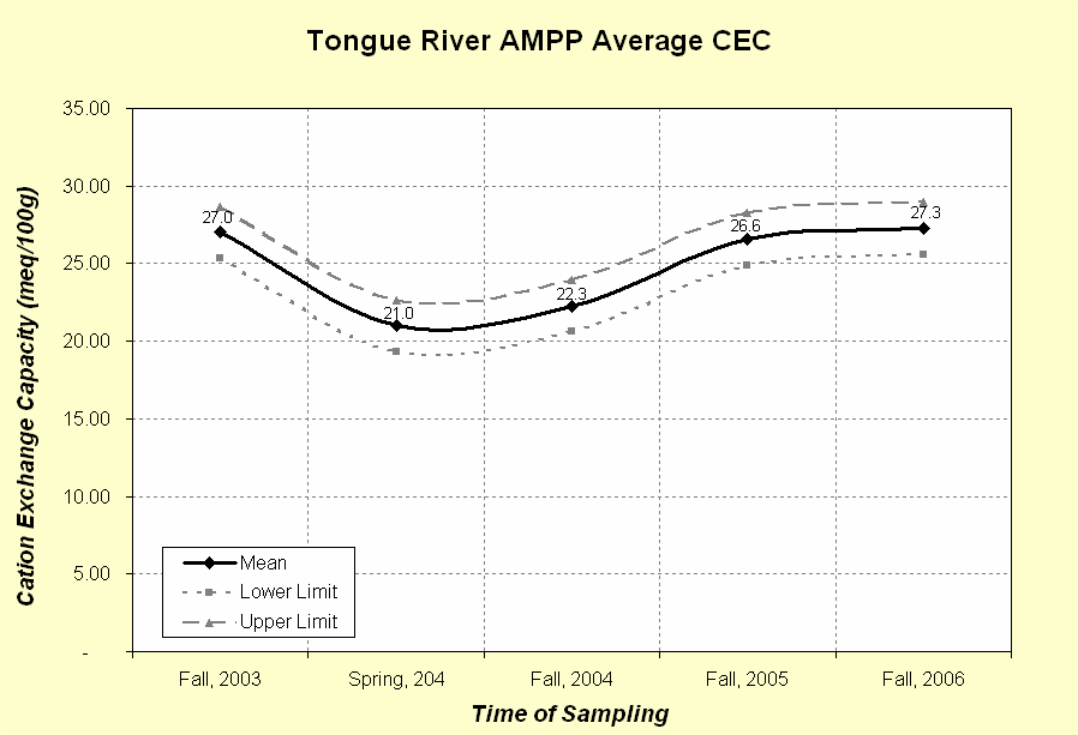

Figure 5-26. Trend in average cation exchange capacity from composite samples irrigated with Tongue River water.

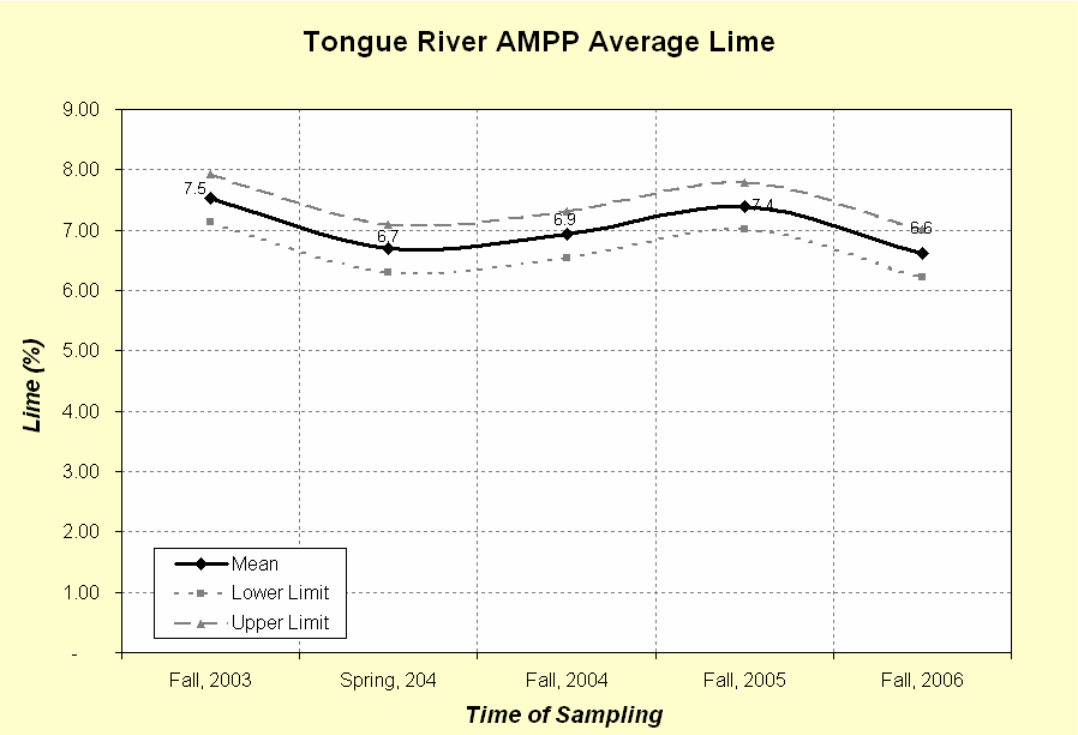

Figure 5-27. Trend in average lime content from composite samples irrigated with Tongue River water.

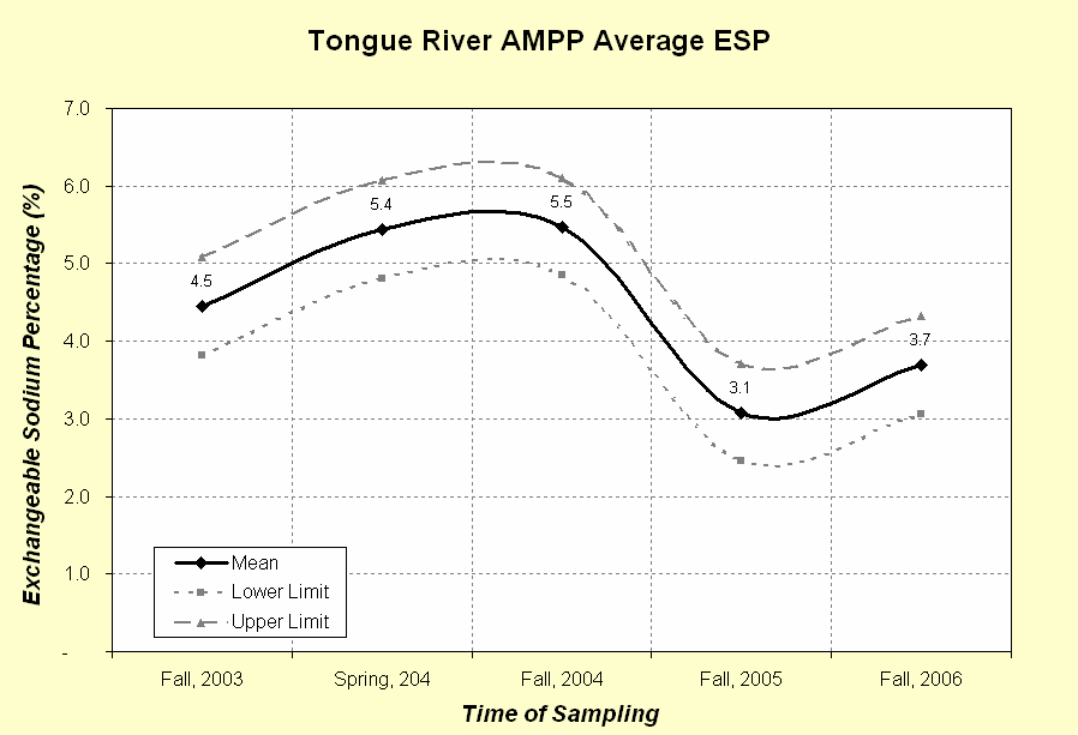

Figure 5-28. Trend in average exchangeable sodium percentage from composite samples irrigated with Tongue River water.

5.3 Variation in Crop Yield and Mineral Content

Crop production was estimated based on grower records in 2003 (Table 5-6). For the 2004 through 2006 growing seasons, plant clippings were taken in Tier 2 fields at every soil sample collection point (GPS waypoint) prior to each forage cutting. Plant material from each field was dried, if normally hayed, weighed, processed through a chipper/shredder, and a representative sample sent to a laboratory for analysis. Crops that were ensiled were process immediately to replicate this harvesting process. Yields were adjusted to 12 % moisture content for hayed forages and 70 % for corn silage. Feed analyses include nutritional parameters and well as a complete mineral determination (sodium, calcium, sulfur, etc.). Irrigation water applied and yield information is contained in Table 5-6 for 2004 and Table 5-7 for 2005 and 2006. More detailed harvest data and agronomic management utilized for each AMPP field are summarized in Tables 5-8, 5-9 and 5-10 for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 growing seasons, respectively.

Large differences in forage yields were evident between sites, but yield variations showed no systematic changes through time. A myriad of factors have affected forage crop yields including age of stand, quantity of irrigation water used, fertilizer applied, weed control, climate, and number and timing of cuttings. Although it is difficult using existing data to precisely determine causes of yield variations among AMPP fields, it is clear that there is no systematic decline in yields that could be associated with CBNG production.

Yield results are somewhat difficult to compare due to differences in cropping systems between fields. However, large differences in yield were evident between sites, even when similar crops such as alfalfa or mixed grass and alfalfa were compared. Variations in crop yield did not appear to correspond to differences in either EC (Figure 5-29) or ESP (Figure 5-30) of the fields. Only the amount of irrigation water used (Figure 5-31) seemed to influence forage yields.

Overall AMPP crop and forage yields were comparable to the range of yields generally obtained by growers in southeastern Montana. The lack of correlation between crop yields and soil salinity or sodium levels, and the generally good crop and forage yields indicates that salinity and sodium in Tongue River water have no adverse effect on irrigated crops.

Vegetation takes up minerals contained in soil and water. If sodium increases in the irrigation water, sodium concentration in the plant material will also increase. Tier 2 forage mineral analysis provided a means of detecting changes in the abundance of sodium in water or soils, which could be the result of CBNG development. Sodium monitoring is only for the purpose of an indicator of sodium content in the water. If sodium content increases in forages, it does not imply that they are toxic or otherwise unsuitable for animal consumption. As sodium content of forage increases, livestock merely decrease their salt intake. Reduced salt intake has been observed in cattle that drink CBNG water.

No changes in sodium content of forages were detected in 2004 and 2005 due to CBNG development. In 2004 and 2005, forage sodium contents were relatively constant in fields that were in the same crop both years. However, for 2006, eight of the ten fields that have had the same crop for at least two of the three years had sodium levels that declined (Figure 5-32). These eight locations were MA, LA, GA, GC, OAA, DB, BA, BC and YAA. Alfalfa at the EA site, near Brandenburg Bridge, increased in sodium substantially in the third cutting, which resulted in the 2006 average sodium content for the field to increase compared to 2005. EA third cutting alfalfa had 0.36 % sodium. The first and second cuttings were 0.06 % and 0.04 %, respectively. This site was fallowed in 2004 and alfalfa established in 2005. In 2006, first year of full production, the first cutting was destroyed by a severe hail storm as it was being swathed. The alfalfa struggled to recover during the second cutting, and was not irrigated for the third cutting. Lack of irrigation may have caused sodium to increase. Third cuttings have tended to have higher sodium levels than first and/or second. BA was the other site that did not have a sodium decline. It was in corn for silage in 2004 and 2005 and spring wheat in 2006. Sodium levels were exactly the same for both years of corn for silage (0.02 %) The spring wheat grain was not analyzed for feed value and mineral content.

With elevated sodium levels in CBNG water, increases in sodium content of forage crops should be among the first effects of CBNG activity because plants take up what is applied to the soil. Alfalfa at site MA, which is located near most of the CBNG water discharge sites, had a sodium level of 0.07 % in both 2004 and 2005. It then declined to 0.04 % in 2006. LA, which is below all of the discharge points, has had sodium decline from 0.06 % in 2004 to 0.05 % in 2005 and to 0.04 % in 2006. Sodium decline in 2006 forages could be attributed to ESP decline in the fall 2005 soil samples.

In 2004, the highest sodium level (0.47 %) was in hay barley at YBA, which is irrigated with Yellowstone River water. In 2005, YBA also had the highest sodium level (0.59 %) which was hay barley under seeded to alfalfa for first cutting. However, sodium was only 0.17 % in the pure alfalfa hay harvested for second cutting in 2005. For 2006, three cuttings of alfalfa

contained an average of 0.14 % sodium. Site DA, which had the highest soil EC and ESP, had a sodium level of 0.27 % in the 2004 alfalfa but only 0.02 % in the 2005 corn silage. Sodium levels have varied between AMPP locations due to soil EC and ESP as well as crops being grown (Figure 5-33).

Another example of plants absorbing what is applied to the soil was that mineral content changed at individual AMPP locations in response to fertilizer applications. In 2004, phosphorus in alfalfa hay at YAA site increased from 0.20 % to 0.29 % in the first cutting to second cutting, respectively. The landowner applied 20-100-0 (actual N-P205-K2O) per acre after first cutting. Normally, phosphorus levels decline from first to third cutting. Other minerals remained unchanged when comparing the same crop from year to year at individual AMPP locations.

Table 5-6. Generalized cropping system, irrigation management, and crop yields in 2003 and 2004.

		Year		2003				2004				
		Started	Irrigation	Num	Water		Grower	Num	Water		Yields	
Site	Water Source	Irrigate	Method	Irri.	App (in.)	Crop	Yields	Irri.	App (in.)	Crop	Grower	AMPP
MA	Tongue River	2000	SR-Pvt	8	3	New Alf	*	27	27	Alfalfa	2.5T	2.12T
MB	Prairie Dog Crk	1903	Flood	2	12	Hay Millet	2T	1	2	Barley	*	*
LA	Tongue River	1988	SR	7	21	Grs/Alf	4.3T	5	14	Grs/Alf	3.7T	3.53T
GA	Tongue River	1973	SR	4	12	Alf/Grs	4T	4	21	Alf/Grs	2.75T	2.79T
GB	N/A (dryland)	N/A	N/A	0	0	Range	*	0	0	Range	*	*
GC	Tongue River	1950	Flood	2	9	Alfalfa	4T	3	24	Alf/Grs	3.75T	3.13T
OAA	Otter Creek	1978	Flood	0	0	Grs/Alf	2T	0	0	Grs/Alf	*	1.14T
EA	Tongue River	1950	Flood	2	10	Hay Millet	2T	0	0	Fallowed	*	*
DA	Tongue River	2003	Pivot	1	1	Grs/Alf	2T	8	24	Grs/Alf	2.5T	1.57T
DB	Tongue River	1943	Fld-Pvt	10	15	Alfalfa	6T	6	24	Alfalfa	5.5T	4.53T
BA	T & Y Ditch	1903	Flood	5	25	Corn	26T	4	20	Corn	20T	18.81T
BC	T & Y Ditch	1903	Flood	3	18	Alf/Grs	3.75T	3	15	Grs/Alf	2T	2.71T
BD	N/A (dryland)	N/A	N/A	0	0	Imp Range	*	0	0	Imp Range	*	*
YAA	T & Y Ditch	1913	Flood	2	12	New Alf	2T	3	15	Alfalfa	5T	4.97T
YBA	Yellowstone Rvr	1940	Flood	0	0	Barley	80 bu	2	8	Bar Hayed	2T	2.69T
BHA	Big Horn River	1903	Flood	4	24	Beets	39T	2	12	W. Wht.	126 bu	125 bu

Irrigation Method: If two types are listed, the first one is the original and the second is the current method.

Yields:

Grower: Yields were taken from Soil Sampling Information sheets. They are yield estimates that the cooperating grower figured the field to make. Yields are at varying moistures.

Waypoint: Harvests taken from each soil sampling waypoint. First year this occurred was 2004. Yields for hay and grain are 12% moisture. Corn silage yields are 70% moisture.

* Did not harvest due to being dryland range, newly established alfalfa, crop not being planted, or did yield enough to harvest due to lack of irrigation water.

** Includes fall grazing instead of taking a 3rd cutting.

*** Includes hailed out first cutting that yielded almost nothing.

Table 5-7. Generalized cropping system, irrigation management, and crop yields in 2005 and 2006.

		Year		2005					2006				
		Started	Irrigation	Num	Water		Yields		Num	Water		Yields	
Site	Water Source	Irrigate	Method	Irri.	App (in.)	Crop	Grower	AMPP	Irr.	App (in.)	Crop	Grower	AMPP
MA	Tongue River	2000	SR-Pvt	0	0	Alfalfa	2.25T	2.23T	10	10	Alfalfa	0.75T	0.99T
MB	Prairie Dog Crk	1903	Flood	0	0	Fallow	*	*	0	0	New Grs	0T	0T
LA	Tongue River	1988	SR	2	6	Grs/Alf	5T	4.36T	4	12	Grs/Alf	4.25T	3.50T
GA	Tongue River	1973	SR	3	17	Alf/Grs	4.75T	2.94T	3	15	Alf/Grs	3.4T	3.17T
GB	N/A (dryland)	N/A	N/A	0	0	Range	n/a	n/a	0	0	Range	*	*
GC	Tongue River	1950	Flood	2	16	Alf/Grs	3T	2.51T	3	18	Alf/Grs	3.5T	3.11T
OAA	Otter Creek	1978	Flood	0	0	Grs/Alf	1T	1.27T	0	0	Grs/Alf	1T	0.96T
EA	Tongue River	1950	Flood	3	18	New Alf	3T	2.32T	1	6	Alfalfa	4T***	4.13T
DA	Tongue River	2003	Pivot	8	13	Corn	21T	31.52T	12	12	Peas/Millet	9 Bu**	18.2B/.9T
DB	Tongue River	1943	Fld-Pvt	5	18	Alfalfa	4.5T	3.40T	26	26	Alf/Grs	3.8T	3.35T
BA	T & Y Ditch	1903	Flood	4	24	Corn	27T	27.97T	2	12	S. Wht.	62 Bu	55.8 Bu
BC	T & Y Ditch	1903	Flood	2	12	Grs/Alf	2T	1.67T	0	0	Grs/Alf	1.0T	1.58T
BD	N/A (dryland)	N/A	N/A	0	0	Imp Range	*	*	0	0	Imp.Range	*	*
YAA	T & Y Ditch	1913	Flood	2	12	Alfalfa	5T**	3.37T	3	18	Alfalfa	5.5T	4.55T
YBA	Yellowstone Rvr	1940	Flood	1	7	H Bar/Alf	2.7T	4.04T	4	24	Alfalfa	6.3T	6.40T
BHA	Big Horn River	1903	Flood	0	0	W. Wht.	78 bu	76.7 bu	4	24	Beets	36.7T	45.36T

Irrigation Method: If two types are listed, the first one is the original and the second is the current method.

Yields:

Grower: Yields were taken from Soil Sampling Information sheets. They are yield estimates that the cooperating grower figured the field to make. Yields are at varying moistures.

Waypoint: Harvests taken from each soil sampling waypoint. First year this occurred was 2004. Yields for hay and grain are 12% moisture. Corn silage yields are 70% moisture.

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** Includes fall grazing instead of taking a 3rd cutting.
*** Includes hailed out first cutting that yielded almost nothing.

Table 5-8. Agronomic management and crop yields in 2004.

Site	Year	Crop	Cutting	Date	Harvest Wt,lbs	% Water	Yield @ 12%	Ft^2 Harvest	Yield T/Ac	Act. Nutrients App./Ac., lbs
MA	2004	Alfalfa	1st	7/1	2.6	10.0	2.7	52.27	1.11	12-70-0-0-4
			2nd	9/30	3.2	33.5	2.4	52.27	1.01	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.12**	12-70-0-0-4
LA	2004	Grs/Alf	1st	6/28	5.0	9.6	5.1	52.27	2.14	38-12-0-0-0
			2nd	9/16	3.4	13.7	3.3	52.27	1.39	70-40-30-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.53**	118-82-0-0-0
GA	2004	Alf/Grs	1st	6/28	2.6	9.4	2.7	43.56	1.34	0-0-0-0-0
			2nd	8/20	3.2	20.1	2.9	43.56	1.45	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.79**	0-0-0-0-0
GC	2004	Alf/Grs	1st	6/15	2.1	9.3	2.2	43.56	1.08	15-40-100-0-3
			2nd	7/30	2.1	8.6	2.2	43.56	1.09	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	9/23	2.0	15.6	1.9	43.56	0.96	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.13**	15-40-100-0-3
DA	2004	Alf/Grs	1st	6/22	1.1	9.7	1.1	47.92	0.51	100-70-40-0-3
			2nd	8/2	2.5	18.0	2.3	47.92	1.06	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**1.57**	100-70-40-0-3
DB	2004	Alfalfa	1st	6/15	18.3	9.0	18.9	340.00	1.21	20-50-80-0-3
			2nd	7/22	4.5	9.0	4.6	43.56	2.30	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	9/1	2.6	31.2	2.0	43.56	1.02	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**4.53**	20-50-80-0-3
BA	2004	Corn	Chop	9/16	279.2	76.8	215.9	250.00	18.81	200-70-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**18.81**	200-70-0-0-0
BC	2004	Grs/Alf	1st	6/22	2.3	9.0	2.4	43.56	1.19	100-40-0-0-0
			2nd	8/2	7.8	9.2	8.0	260.00	0.67	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	9/16	1.8	17.1	1.7	43.56	0.85	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.71**	100-40-0-0-0
YAA	2004	Alfalfa	1st	6/15	14.8	9.3	15.3	180.00	1.85	0-0-0-0-0
			2nd	7/22	3.4	10.8	3.4	39.20	1.91	22-104-0-0-0
			3rd	10/6	16.6	20.4	15.0	270.00	1.21	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**4.97**	22-104-0-0-0
OAA	2004	Grs/Alf	1st	6/28	2.2	9.1	2.3	43.56	1.14	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**1.14**	0-0-0-0-0
YBA	2004	Barley	1st	7/3	5.2	9.1	5.4	43.56	2.69	35-40-20
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.69**	35-40-20
BHA	2004	W Wht	Harvest	7/22	7.5	12.0	7.5	43.56	125.0	200-30-20-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD (bu/ac)			**125.0**	200-30-20-0-0

Table 5-9. Agronomic management and crop yields in 2005.

Site	Year	Crop	Cutting	Date	Harvest Wt,lbs	% Water	Yield @ 12%	Ft^2 Harvest	Yield T/Ac	Act. Nutrients App./Ac., lbs
MA	**2005**	Alfalfa	1st	6/20	5.2	9.3	5.4	52.27	2.23	0-0-0-0-0
			2nd	Did not get a second cutting due to pivot wheel tracks too deep						0-0-0-0-0
						TOTALYIELD			**2.23**	**AVE 0-0-0-0-0**
LA	**2005**	Grs/Alf	1st	6/20	7.4	9.2	7.6	52.27	3.18	95-40-40-0-0
			2nd	8/26	2.8	10.8	2.8	52.27	1.18	45-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**4.36**	**AVE 140-40-40-0-0**
GA	**2005**	Alf/Grs	1st	6/7	1.1	8.4	1.1	21.78	1.15	90-60-60-0-0
			2nd	7/29	1.8	12.4	1.8	21.78	1.79	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.94**	**AVE 90-60-60-0-0**
GC	**2005**	Alf/Grs	1st	6/7	2.5	8.8	2.6	43.56	1.30	30-40-50-0-0
			2nd	8/26	2.4	11.1	2.4	43.56	1.21	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	Did not get a 3rd cutting.					n/a	n/a
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.51**	**AVE 30-40-50-0-0**
EA	**2005**	New Alf	1st	7/29	4.6	11.1	4.6	43.56	2.32	11-52-30-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**2.32**	**AVE 11-52-30-0-0**
DA	**2005**	Corn	Chop	9/13	253.5	58.9	347.3	240.00	31.52	170-80-50-0-2
						TOTAL YIELD			**31.52**	**AVE 170-80-50-0-2**
DB	**2005**	Alfalfa	1st	6/7	1.9	8.4	2.0	43.56	0.99	11-52-30-0-0
			2nd	7/29	2.6	11.4	2.6	43.56	1.31	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	9/13	2.2	11.8	2.2	43.56	1.10	0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.40**	**AVE 11-52-30-0-0**
BA	**2005**	Corn	Chop	9/6	331.0	70.9	321.1	250.00	27.97	170-40-60-0-2
						TOTAL YIELD			**27.97**	**AVE 170-40-60-0-2**
BC	**2005**	Grs/Alf	1st	6/7	2.0	9.9	2.0	43.56	1.02	35-20-35-0-0
			2nd	7/29	1.3	12.9	1.3	43.56	0.64	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	Grazed				n/a	n/a	n/a
						TOTAL YIELD			**1.67**	**AVE 35-20-35-0-0**
YAA	**2005**	Alfalfa	1st	6/7	2.1	9.1	2.2	39.20	1.21	15-65-75-0-0
			2nd	7/29	3.9	11.9	3.9	39.20	2.17	0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	Did not have 3rd cutting due to lateness of 2nd.					Second was a	n/a
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.37**	**AVE 15-65-75-0-0**
OAA	**2005**	Not cropped in 2005								
YBA	**2005**	Bar/Alf	1st	7/7	7.7	35.2	5.7	43.56	2.84	0-0-0-0-0
		Alfalfa	2nd	9/6	2.4	11.4	2.4	43.56	1.21	0-0-0-0-0
			TOTALS		**7.7**				**4.04**	**AVE 0-0-0-0-0**
BHA	**2005**	W Wht	Harv	7/22	4.6	12.0	4.6	43.56	76.7	200-40-30-0-0
			TOTALS		**4.6**				**76.7**	**200-40-30-0-0**

Table 5-10. Agronomic management and crop yields in 2006.

Site	Year	Crop	Cutting	Date	Harvest Wt,lbs	% Water	Yield @ 12%	Ft^2 Harvest	Yield T/Ac		Act. Nutrients App./Ac., lbs
MA	**2006**	Alfalfa	1st	8/8	2.3	9.0	2.4	52.27	**0.99**	**T/Ac**	**0-0-0-0-0**
LA	**2006**	Grass	1st	6/21	24.2	6.9	25.6	270.00	2.07		100-35-50-0-0
			2nd	8/16	18.3	14.5	17.8	270.00	1.43		45-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.50**	**AVE**	**145-35-50-0-0**
GA	**2006**	Grs/Alf	1st	6/21	1.5	7.7	1.6	21.8	1.57		15-30-40-0-0
			2nd	8/8	1.7	17.6	1.6	21.8	1.60		0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.17**	**AVE**	**15-30-40-0-0**
GC	**2006**	Alf/Grs	1st	6/21	2.3	8.4	2.3	43.56	1.17		30-40-60-0-0
			2nd	8/8	3.8	10.2	3.9	43.56	1.94		0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.11**	**AVE**	**30-40-60-0-0**
EA	**2006**	Alfalfa	1st	6/5	3.25	9.5	3.3	43.56	1.67		0-0-0-0-0
			2nd	7/17	3.25	11.2	3.3	43.56	1.64		0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	10/4	2.55	43.3	1.6	43.56	0.82		0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**4.13**	**AVE**	**0-0-0-0-0**
DA	**2006**	Peas	1st	7/17	1.3	12.0	1.3	52.27	18.20	**Bu/Ac**	0-0-0-0-0
		H. Millet	2nd	10/4	2.3	16.0	2.1	52.27	0.88	**T/Ac**	0-0-0-0-0
										AVE	**0-0-0-0-0**
DB	**2006**	Grs/Alf	1st	6/5	2.4	9.1	2.5	43.56	1.24		0-42-70-0-2
			2nd	7/17	2.0	8.2	2.1	43.56	1.04		0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	8/21	2.3	16.9	2.1	43.56	1.06		0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.35**	**AVE**	**0-42-70-0-2**
BA	**2006**	S. Wht	Harv	7/17	3.35	12.0	3.35	43.56	**55.83**	**Bu/Ac**	**80-70-60-0-3**
BC	**2006**	Grs/Alf	1st	6/5	6.0	9.4	6.2	43.56	3.09		0-0-0-0-0
			2nd	7/18	1.5	8.6	1.6	43.56	0.78		0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**3.87**	**AVE**	**0-0-0-0-0**
YAA	**2006**	Alfalfa	1st	6/5	3.2	7.9	3.3	39.20	1.86		12-55-55-0-0
			2nd	8/1	2.7	9.1	2.8	39.20	1.55		0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	10/4	9.0	16.1	8.6	164.00	1.14		0-0-0-0-0
						TOTAL YIELD			**4.55**	**AVE**	**12-55-55-0-0**
MB	**2006**	New Grs	Seeded to grass in June.				n/a	n/a	n/a		0-0-0-0-0
OAA	**2006**	Grass	1st	6/21	1.8	5.9	1.9	43.56	**0.96**	**T/Ac**	**0-0-0-0-0**
YBA	**2006**	Alfalfa	1st	7/10	4.0	9.50	4.1	43.56	2.06		0-60-60-0-2-1B
			2nd	8/21	4.7	8.70	4.8	43.56	2.41		0-0-0-0-0
			3rd	10/4	4.0	15.0	3.9	43.56	1.93		0-0-0-0-0
			TOTALS		**12.7**				**6.40**	**AVE**	**0-60-60-0-2-1B**
BHA	**2006**	Beets	Dug	10/6	208.3	As Is	n/a	100.00	**45.4**	**T/Ac**	**200-130-0-0-0**

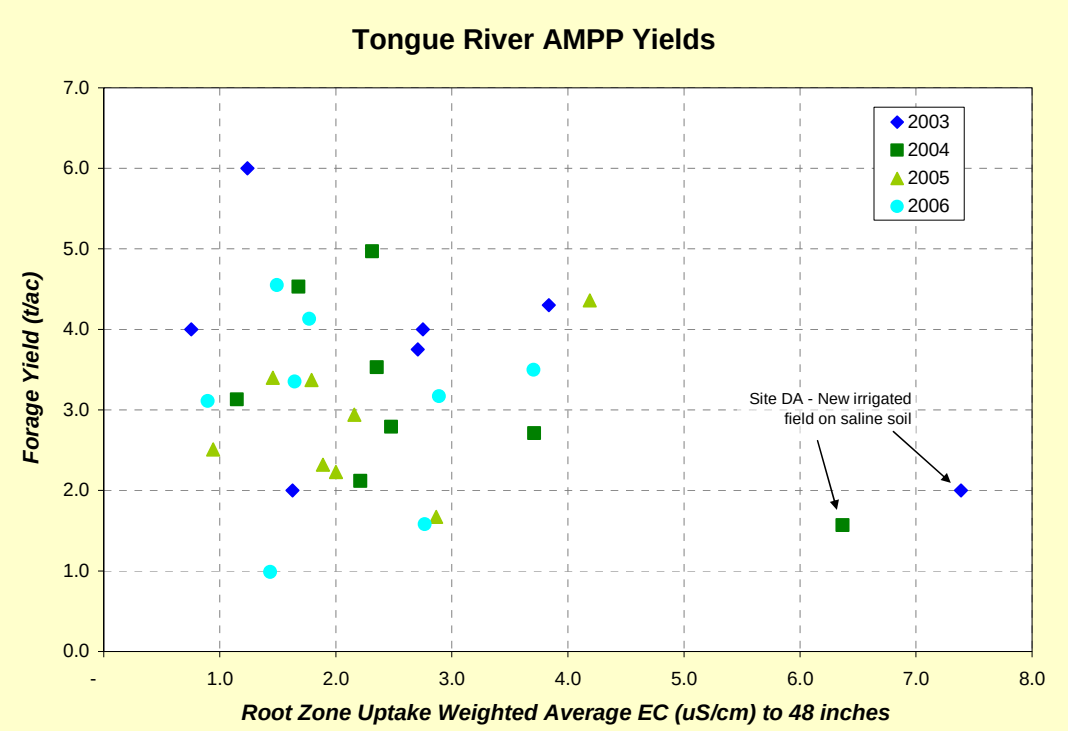

Figure 5-29. Trend in average electrical conductivity compared to forage yields for fields irrigated with Tongue River water in 2003 through 2006.

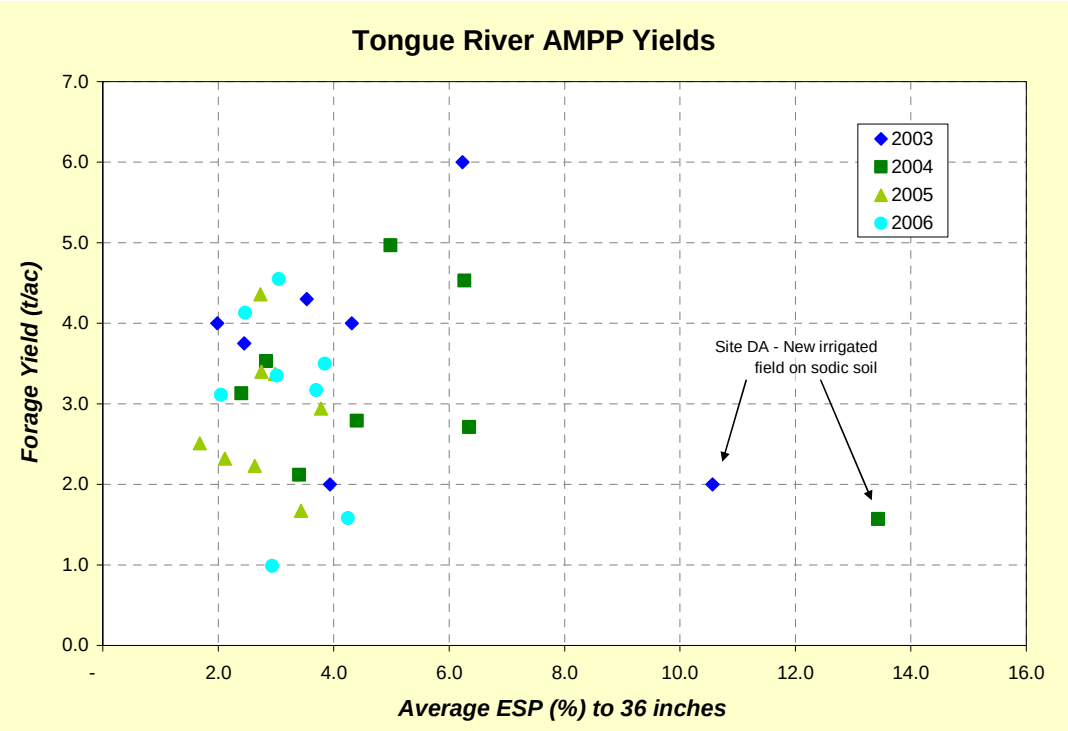

Figure 5-30. Trend in average exchangeable sodium percentage compared to forage yields for fields irrigated with Tongue River water - 2003 through 2006.

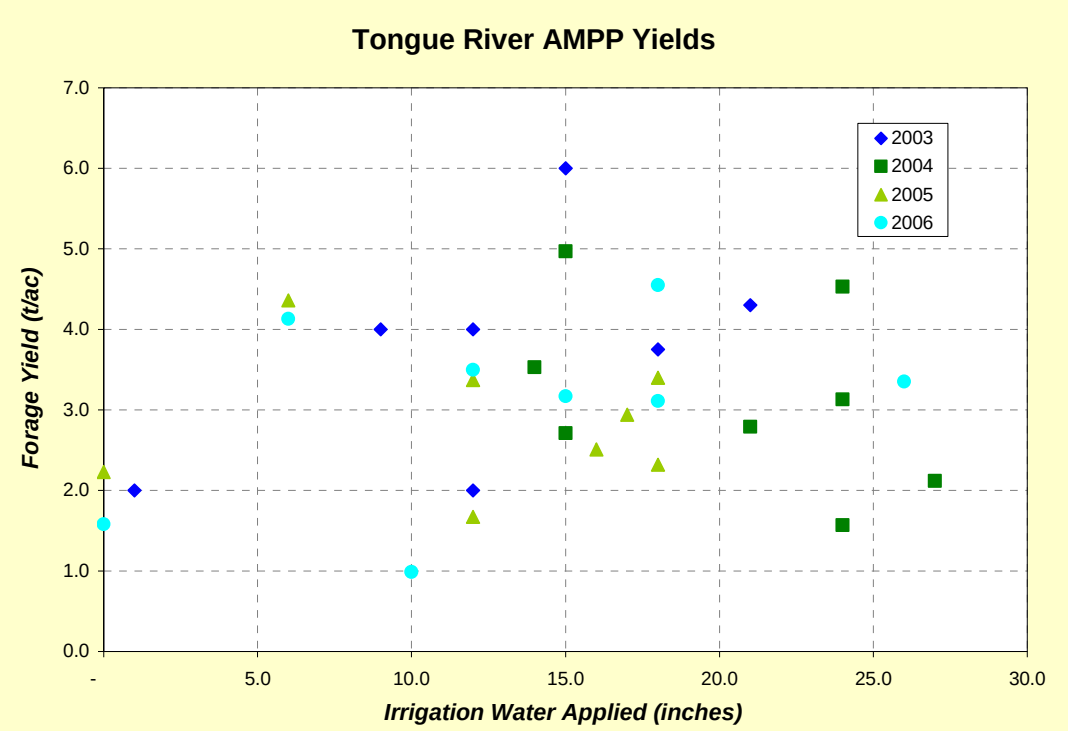

Figure 5-31. Comparison of AMPP forage yield to amount of irrigation water applied in 2003 through 2006.

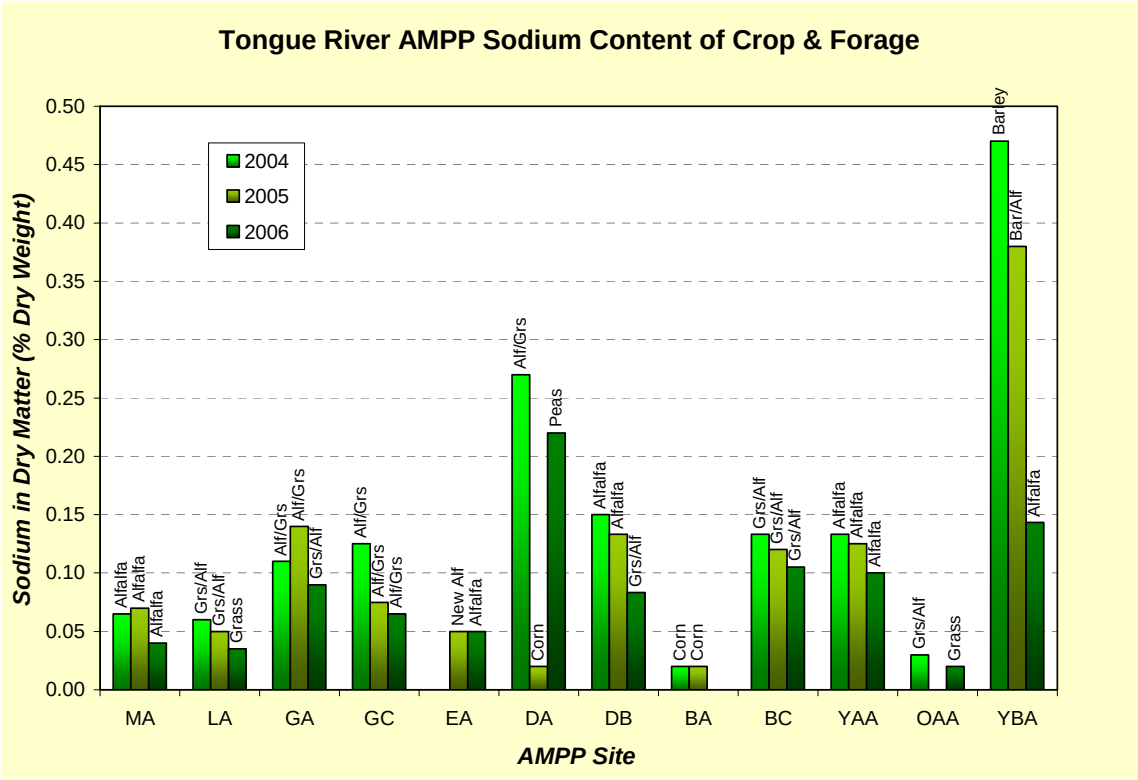

Figure 5-32. Average annual sodium content in forages harvested, 2004 to 2006.

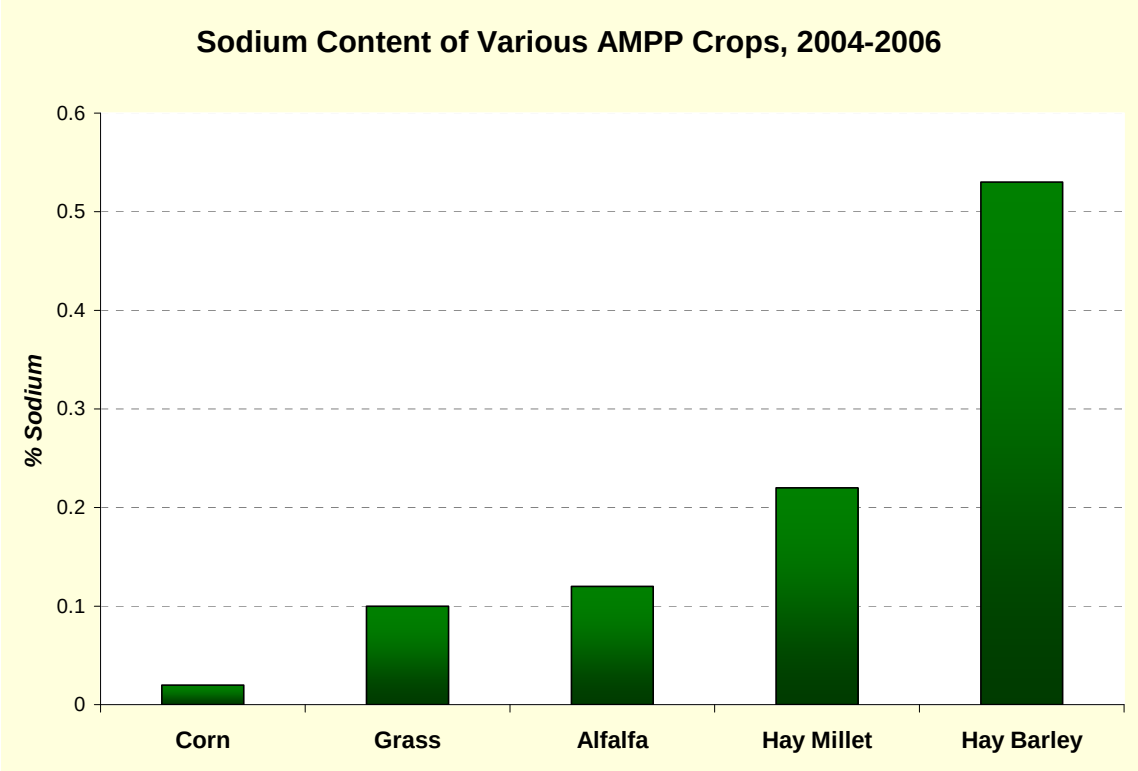

Figure 5-33. Average sodium content in AMPP forages harvested, 2004 to 2006

5.4 Variation in Trace Metal Abundance

Selected trace metals were analyzed at two depths (0 to 6 and 36 to 60 inches) in AMPP soils (Table 5-11). All trace elements were within a safe range for crops grown in Montana. Boron and zinc, which are also plant nutrients, were adequate to slightly deficient. Element concentrations showed only minor variation between sites or with depth with the exception of barium, which was at times elevated in surface horizons. Higher barium near the soil surface was attributed to lower sulfate levels in shallow soils. Barium solubility is usually controlled by formation of barite ($BaSO_4$), which has a low solubility. At lower sulfate concentrations, equilibrium concentration of barium tends to increase.

Table 5-11. Average levels of trace elements in AMPP soils.

Site	Depth (inches)			Barium mg/L Method SW6010B	Boron mg/L Method SW6010B	Fluoride mg/kg Method A4500-F C	Selenium mg/L Method SW6010B	Zinc mg/kg Method SW6010B
MA	0	to	6	5.35	1.03	ND	0.06	1.10
MA	36	to	60	1.22	1.10	1.18	0.05	
LA	0	to	6	3.10	0.75	1.25	0.06	1.20
LA	36	to	60	0.52	0.70	1.28	0.05	
GA	0	to	6	5.00	1.03	1.13	0.07	0.67
GA	36	to	60	1.05	1.20	1.52	0.06	
GB	0	to	6	ND	0.30	ND	ND	0.39
GB	36	to	60	ND	0.70	1.90	0.04	

GC	0	to	6	4.35	0.72	1.20	0.08	0.68
GC	36	to	60	2.90	0.85	1.10	0.08	
EA	0	to	6	3.65	1.00	ND	0.07	0.74
EA	36	to	60	1.10	1.25	1.18	0.05	
DB	0	to	6	4.16	1.10	1.10	0.05	1.24
DB	36	to	60	1.94	1.10	1.00	0.05	
DA	0	to	6	2.20	1.20	ND	0.04	0.69
DA	36	to	60	0.89	1.16	1.23	0.04	
BA	0	to	6	4.05	1.10	1.20	0.04	0.81
BA	36	to	60	1.77	1.20	1.10	0.05	
BD	0	to	6	9.00	ND	ND	ND	1.17
BD	36	to	60	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.50
BC	0	to	6	3.68	1.03	1.23	0.05	0.90
BC	36	to	60	0.47	1.53	1.27	0.08	
YAA	0	to	6	4.65	0.92	1.30	0.05	0.49
YAA	36	to	60	1.20	1.09	1.52	0.05	
MB	0	to	6	4.55	0.88	ND	0.04	0.29
MB	36	to	60	0.75	0.95	1.27	0.04	
OAA	0	to	6	6.40	0.90	ND	0.08	0.91
OAA	36	to	60	1.53	0.79	1.10	0.06	
YBA	0	to	6	3.45	1.01	1.40	0.06	0.58
YBA	36	to	60	2.10	1.29	1.65	0.04	
BHA	0	to	6	4.63	0.97	1.30	0.04	0.94
BHA	36	to	60	3.90	1.10	1.70	0.05	

6.0 Tier 2 – Trends for Individual Fields

6.1 Tongue River Irrigated and Dryland Sites

6.1.1 Site MA

A pivot was installed at site MA in 2000 and new alfalfa was planted in 2003. Alfalfa was not harvested in 2003, but yielded 2.1 to 2.2 tons per acre in 2004 and 2005. About 27 inches of irrigation water was applied in 2004 but there was no irrigation in 2005 due to deep wheel tracks (Table 5-6 to 5-8). In 2006, 10 inches of irrigation water were applied to the alfalfa which yielded 1 ton per acre in a single cutting.

Soil characteristics remained relatively unchanged from 2003 through 2006 at site MA, despite changing irrigation management (Table 6-1 and 6-2). EC was low near the surface, increased to a maximum at a depth of 24 to 36 inches and again decreased at depth (Figure 6-1). This pattern of EC with depth indicates that a shallow water table exists at least seasonally during the irrigation season, causing water (and contained salts) to flow downward from the soil surface and upward from the water table. Salinity at 24 to 36 inches increased from fall 2003 to spring 2004 and decreased in 2005 and 2006. EC in shallow groundwater (Table 5-7) ranged from 800 to 1,000 µS/cm and SAR values were less than 1.2, indicating that shallow groundwater at this location was similar to Tongue River water.

ESP, SAR and pH (Figure 6-2 to 6-4) of the composite soil were nearly identical on all dates indicating that the sodium status of this soil has not measurably changed through time.

Table 6-1. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site MA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.6	0.76	40.7	3.8	1.8	2	1.2	5.4			
0	6	7.4	0.81	41.3	4.4	2.1	2.6	1.5	5.5			
6	12	7.5	0.82	42.2	4.6	2.6	2.3	1.2	4.1			
12	24	7.7	1.33	42.8	4.4	5	4.7	2.2	3.5			
24	36	7.7	3.61	41.9	15.5	28.3	13.3	2.8	2.5			
36	60	7.7	2.9	36.5	9.3	21.5	10	2.6	2.4			
60	96	7.7	1.52	29	4.8	6.8	5.3	2.2	2.4			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.6	1.4	43.6	8.29	4.35	1.66	0.7	5.6			0.71
0	6	7.7	0.73	43.1	3.51	1.67	1.01	0.6	3.6			0.71
6	12	7.8	0.53	43.4	2.73	1.51	1.36	0.9	3.6			2.12
12	24	8	1.08	44.6	3.62	4.01	3.33	1.7	3.6			1.55
24	36	7.9	6.1	45.8	22.5	48.8	18.2	3	2.6			0.71
36	60	8.1	3.51	40.7	7.13	21.1	11.2	3	2.2			0.56
60	96	8.1	0.82	30.4	2.26	2.96	3.18	2	2.8			0.42
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.3	0.74	40.5	3.78	2.54	1.34	0.76	7.2			
0	6	7.4	0.66	40.6	3.09	1.56	1.83	1.2	4			
6	12	7.5	1.03	41.2	4.16	3.37	3.06	1.6	3.4			
12	24	7.7	1.77	43.6	5.16	7.23	5.41	2.2	3.2			
24	36	7.7	5.53	40	15.3	42.1	17.5	3.3	2.4			
36	60	7.7	2.36	37.4	4.64	10.1	7.06	2.6	2.4			
60	96	7.6	1.77	27.9	5.1	7.1	4.83	2	2			
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.4	1.09	45.8	5.56	3.52	0.56	0.26		8.96		
0	6	7.5	0.88	44.4	4.86	2.65	0.97	0.5		7.15		
6	12	7.5	0.97	43.9	4.89	3.2	2.49	1.2		5.49		
12	24	7.7	1.68	43.6	5.84	7.09	4.54	1.8		3.76		
24	36	7.8	4	44.5	9.13	25.7	11.2	2.7		3.03		
36	60	7.8	3.27	39.8	6.64	18.7	12.2	3.4		2.89		
60	96	7.7	2.23	28.9	7.09	11.7	6.14	2		2.46		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.5	1.64	48.2	7.81	5.34	1.51	0.59		6.99		0.54
0	6	7.5	1.11	48	5.88	3.29	2.13	0.99		7.99		0.36
6	12	7.8	0.49	42.5	2.58	1.44	1.5	1.1		3.6		0.1
12	24	8	0.6	42.1	2.3	2.21	2.3	1.5		4		0.05
24	36	8	3.23	40.6	11.1	21	16	4		2.6		1.16
36	60	7.9	2.9	37.6	8.8	19.1	12.4	3.3		2.4		0.39
60	96	7.8	1.84	27	6.35	8.94	5.19	1.9		2.4		0.05

Table 6-2. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site MA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	31	49	20	L	8.4	27.1	0.7	2.2
0	6	26	50	24	SiL	8.6	26.3	0.6	2
6	12	26	51	23	SiL	9	23.2	0.6	2.4
12	24	26	50	24	SiL	10.5	17.7	1	4.7
24	36	28	48	24	L	10	25.3	1.5	3.9
36	60	44	37	19	L	9.2	16.5	1.1	4.6
60	96	58	29	13	SL	8.5	15.4	0.8	4
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	30	48	22	L	8.1	24.7	0.53	1.8
0	6	28	50	22	SIL	10.7	24.4	0.49	1.8
6	12	25	51	24	SiL	8.8	21.1	0.57	2.4
12	24	21	55	24	SiL	10.8	23.4	0.83	2.9
24	36	26	51	23	SiL	9.8	21.4	1.58	3.5
36	60	36	43	21	L	10.9	19.2	1.24	4.1
60	96	57	28	15	SL	9.4	14.4	0.74	4.4
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	38	45	17	L	8.3	27.9	0.58	1.9
0	6	35	44	21	L	8.8	29.6	0.78	2.4
6	12	29	50	21	SiL	9.2	28.4	0.82	2.4
12	24	26	51	23	SiL	11.5	28.7	1.1	3
24	36	29	51	20	SiL	10.7	25.5	1.93	4.8
36	60	40	45	15	L	11.5	21.3	1.35	5.1
60	96	61	29	10	SL	9.4	16.9	0.93	4.7
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	28	50	22	SiL	9.1	27	0.64	2.3
0	6	27	52	21	SiL	9.1	27.2	0.42	1.4
6	12	28	52	20	SiL	9.3	27.1	0.6	1.8
12	24	26	54	20	SiL	11.9	25.3	0.84	2.5
24	36	27	53	20	SiL	10.5	23.2	1.38	3.8
36	60	36	46	18	L	11.3	19.3	1.25	4
60	96	71	19	10	SL	9.6	15.7	0.38	1.3
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	32	47	21	L	8.8	29.2	0.44	1.3
0	6	36	45	19	L	8.5	26.6	0.54	1.7
6	12	27	53	20	SiL	9.6	25.8	0.49	1.7
12	24	27	53	20	SiL	10.5	26.8	0.65	2.1
24	36	34	48	18	L	11.4	21	1.7	5
36	60	42	40	18	L	9.5	17.7	1.34	5
60	96	72	19	9	SL	7.7	12.2	0.6	3.8

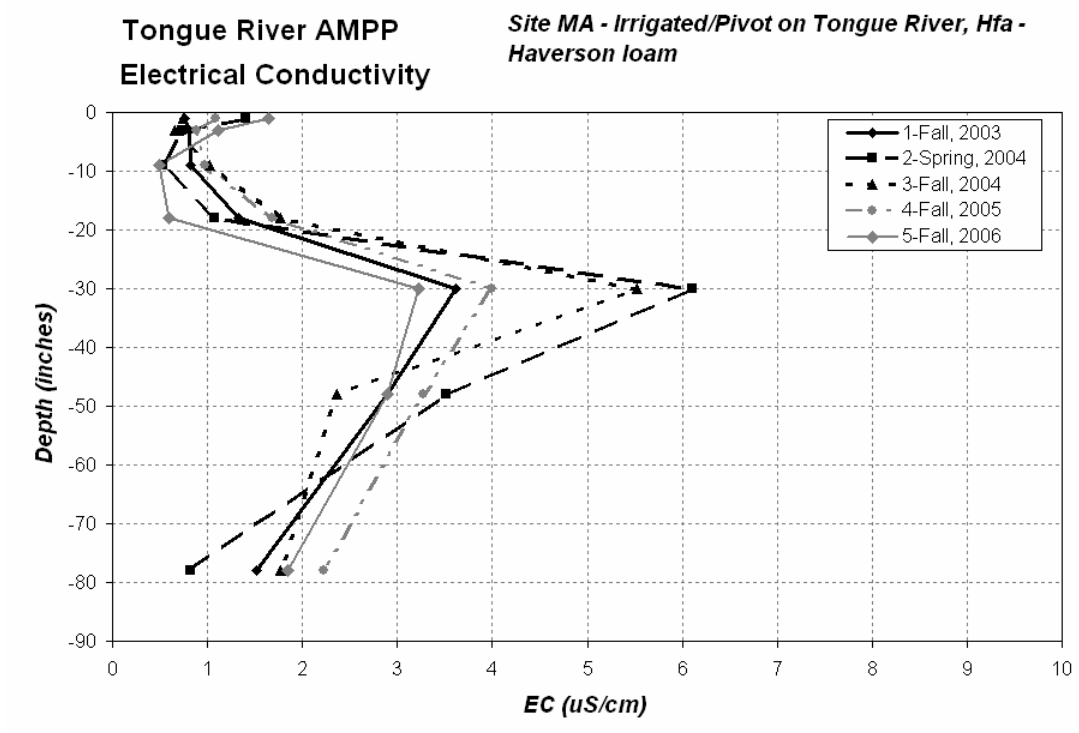

Figure 6-1. Trends in EC with depth for site MA.

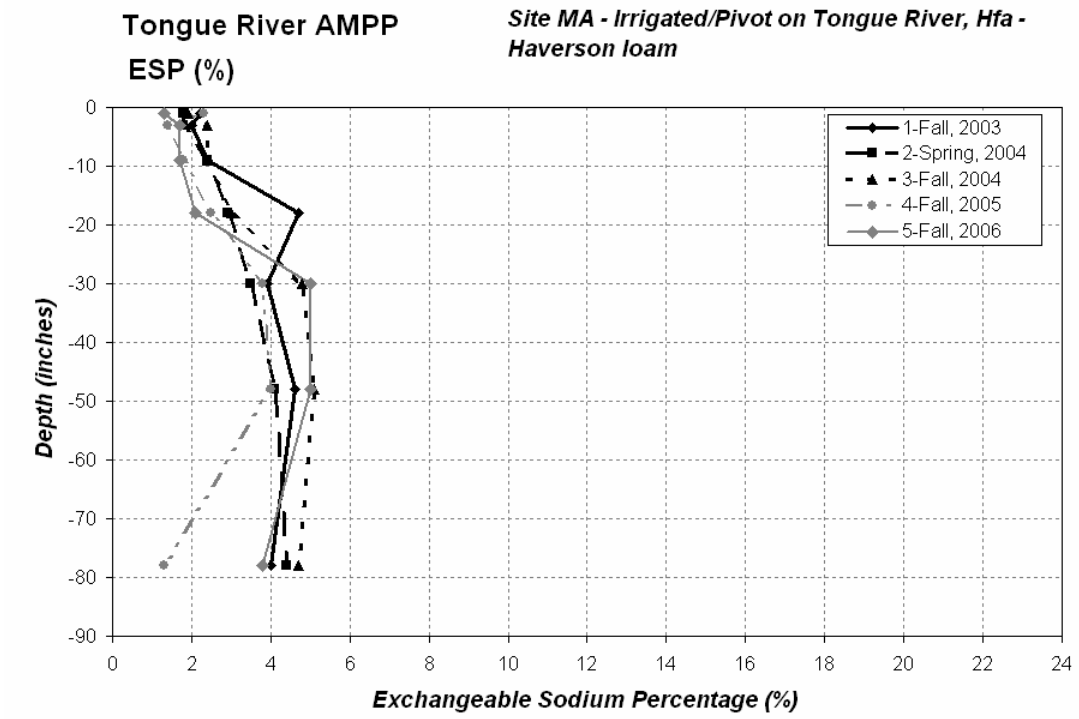

Figure 6-2. Trends in ESP with depth for site MA.

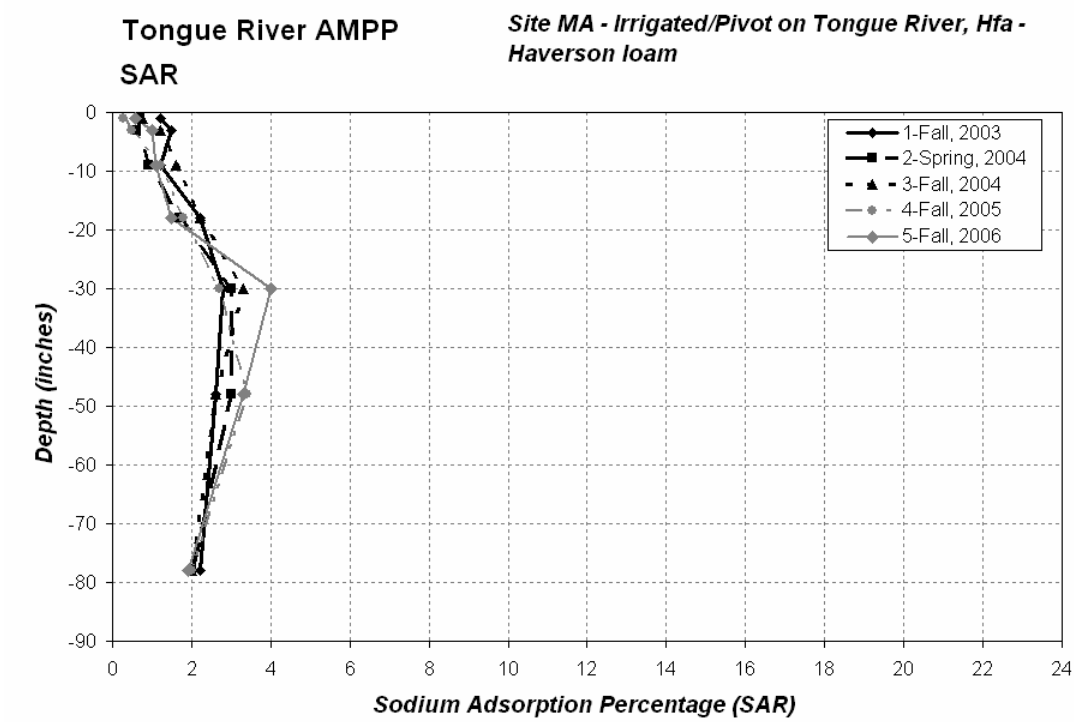

Figure 6-3. Trends in SAR with depth for site MA.

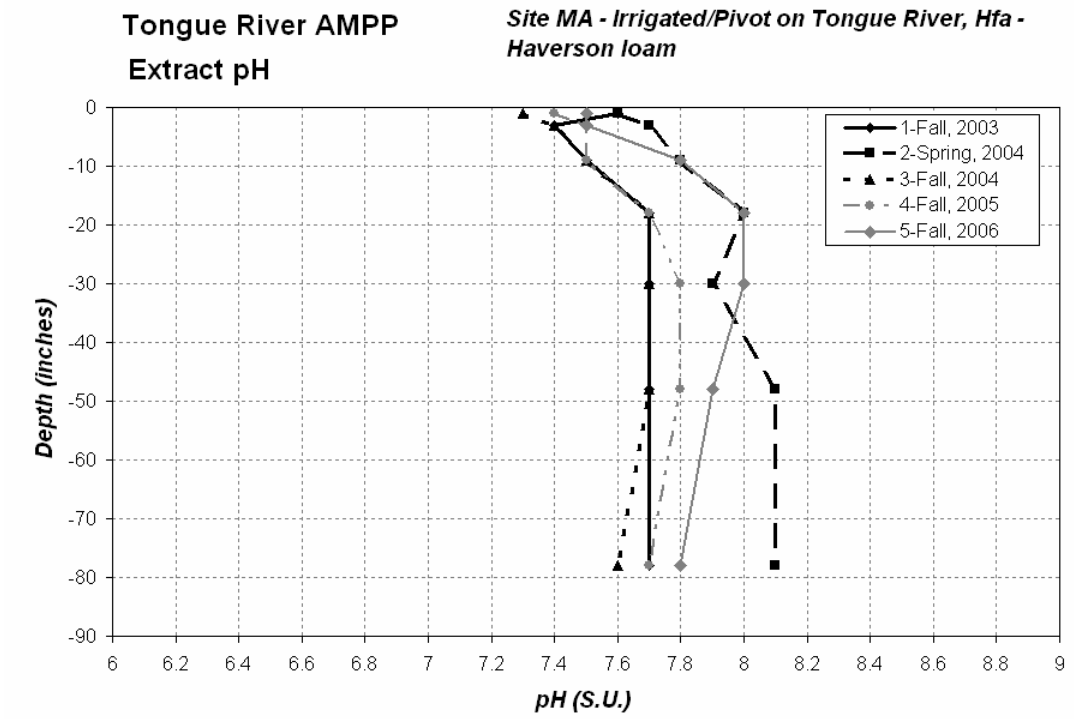

Figure 6-4. Trends in pH with depth for site MA.

6.1.2 Site LA

Site LA (Table 6-3 and 6-4) consists of an older stand of predominately grass that is irrigated with a side-roll system. Yields have varied from 3.5 to 4.5 tons per acre with 21 inches of irrigation water applied in 2003, and 14 inches in 2004. Only 6 inches of water was applied in 2005 (above average precipitation year) and 12 inches in 2006.

Salinity has been variable through time (Figure 6-5), perhaps in response to irrigation quantity and timing. Salinity decreased in the upper 3 feet from 2003 to 2004, with a commensurate increase below 3 feet. Salinity increased from 2004 to 2006, which may have been the result of reduced irrigation. The water table was locally within 3 feet of the soil surface at site LA (Table 5-7) in 2005 and had an EC of 2.7 dS/m and a SAR of 3 to 4.6. The elevated water table probably accounts for pattern of EC with depth, causing maximum EC levels to form just above the water table.

ESP, SAR and pH levels (Figures 6-5 to 6-8) in site LA were more stable than EC. Sodium was low near surface and increased moderately with depth indicating that site LA generally maintains adequate leaching.

Table 6-3. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site LA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.3	1.62	54.1	8.2	5.4	4	1.5	8.2			
0	6	7.4	2.76	51.5	14.4	8.9	12.5	3.7	5.2			
6	12	7.7	3.56	47.5	15.7	9.8	20.1	5.6	3.6			
12	24	7.8	4.33	47.4	21.7	18.8	22.1	4.9	2.9			
24	36	7.9	4.48	41.6	19.8	22.6	20.8	4.5	2.5			
36	60	8	3.78	36.3	10.2	16.1	23.8	6.6	2.7			
60	96	7.8	4.2	31.4	11.5	18.5	25.4	6.6	2.6			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.5	2.52	52.7	19.8	9.83	2.4	0.6	5.2			0.71
0	6	7.5	1.72	50.4	14.2	7.5	2.96	0.9	6.2			0.99
6	12	7.8	1.43	42.8	8.43	4.33	5.32	2.1	3.8			0.42
12	24	7.9	3.28	47.4	13.7	11.9	15	4.2	3			0.42
24	36	8	5.28	40.5	22.3	23.7	30.9	6.4	2.6			0.14
36	60	8.1	5.86	38.4	20.7	25.2	29.3	6.1	2.2			0.42
60	96	7.9	3.38	23.8	10.6	14.3	22.2	6.3	3			0.42
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7	1.77	58.2	9	5.46	2.57	0.96	ND	ND	ND	
0	6	7.2	1.65	51.4	7.78	4.01	3.17	1.3	ND	ND	ND	
6	12	7.5	0.92	45.9	4.58	2.29	2.71	1.5	ND	ND	ND	
12	24	7.7	1.48	48.5	6.06	4.41	4.3	1.9	ND	ND	ND	
24	36	7.7	4.71	42.5	24	21.9	12.1	2.5	ND	ND	ND	
36	60	7.8	4.54	40.2	12.4	16.8	20	5.2	ND	ND	ND	
60	90	7.7	4.89	31.1	17.8	23.5	20.9	4.6	ND	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	6.6	2.41	61.4	19.4	7.61	1.81	0.49		12.6		
0	6	6.7	2.07	54	15	6.89	2.02	0.61		10.8		
6	12	7.2	2.8	47.5	16.2	10.2	8.87	2.4		4.12		
12	24	7.5	4.49	46.9	21.1	18.1	19	4.3		3.9		
24	36	7.7	6.06	44.9	24	32.1	31.7	6		2.75		
36	60	7.7	6.57	37.9	22.5	32.8	36.3	6.9		2.17		
60	96	7.7	4.95	32.1	10.1	16.9	34.9	9.5		3.32		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.1	1.38	58.4	8.51	3.16	1.99	0.82		8.11		0.48
0	6	7.1	1.07	51.9	6.33	2.72	2.97	1.4		6.89		0.46
6	12	7.3	3	49	21	12.6	5.12	1.2		4.46		1.34
12	24	7.5	4.26	46.7	25.7	21.5	17.6	3.6		5.27		0.86
24	36	7.8	5.97	45	22.7	28.3	33	6.5		2.43		1.67
36	60	7.7	4.2	37.4	13.7	19.5	20	4.9		2.16		0.36
60	96	7.7	3.14	29.8	7.33	11.4	13.2	4.3		2.64		0.17

Table 6-4. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site LA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	29	49	22	L	6.7	41.2	1	1.9
0	6	25	48	27	CL	7.1	39.7	1.9	3.1
6	12	27	47	26	L	7.7	39.7	2.3	3.5
12	24	23	50	27	CL	8.2	36.2	2.3	3.6
24	36	38	42	20	L	7.4	30.5	2	3.7
36	60	53	33	14	SL	8.7	27.5	2.3	5.1
60	96	62	28	10	SL	8.5	23.1	2	5.2
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	34	41	25	L	6.7	29.1	0.6	1.6
0	6	33	43	24	L	6.4	26.1	0.71	2.2
6	12	32	44	24	L	7.8	22.6	0.93	3.1
12	24	28	44	28	CL	7.7	25.1	1.76	4.2
24	36	44	33	23	L	7	19	2.48	6.4
36	60	47	32	21	L	7.4	16.6	2.27	6.9
60	96	73	16	11	SL	6.7	10.6	1.34	7.7
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	32	44	24	L	6.3	33	0.61	1.4
0	6	30	46	24	L	6.7	29.4	0.77	2
6	12	29	45	26	L	7.8	28.3	0.69	2
12	24	26	46	28	CL	7.5	26.9	0.94	2.7
24	36	41	36	23	L	6.9	23.5	1.42	3.8
36	60	45	33	22	L	7.1	23.8	2.08	5.4
60	90	60	26	14	SL	8.1	16.3	1.75	6.8
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	34	45	21	L	7.1	31.9	0.41	0.9
0	6	34	45	21	L	7.2	30.6	0.5	1.3
6	12	32	46	22	L	8.2	26.9	1.03	2.3
12	24	30	46	24	L	7.8	25.9	1.53	2.5
24	36	40	40	20	L	7.7	22.3	2.3	3.9
36	60	55	29	16	SL	7.3	20.2	2.29	4.6
60	96	61	25	14	SL	8.4	16.8	1.91	4.7
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	37	46	17	L	6.3	35.1	0.59	1.3
0	6	34	49	17	L	6.3	31.6	0.8	2.1
6	12	29	50	21	SiL	7	33	0.92	2
12	24	27	52	21	SiL	7.5	29.5	1.94	3.8
24	36	36	45	19	L	7.3	26.4	3	5.7
36	60	49	34	17	L	6.8	22.6	1.94	5.3
60	96	70	21	9	SL	7.1	17.2	1.14	4.4

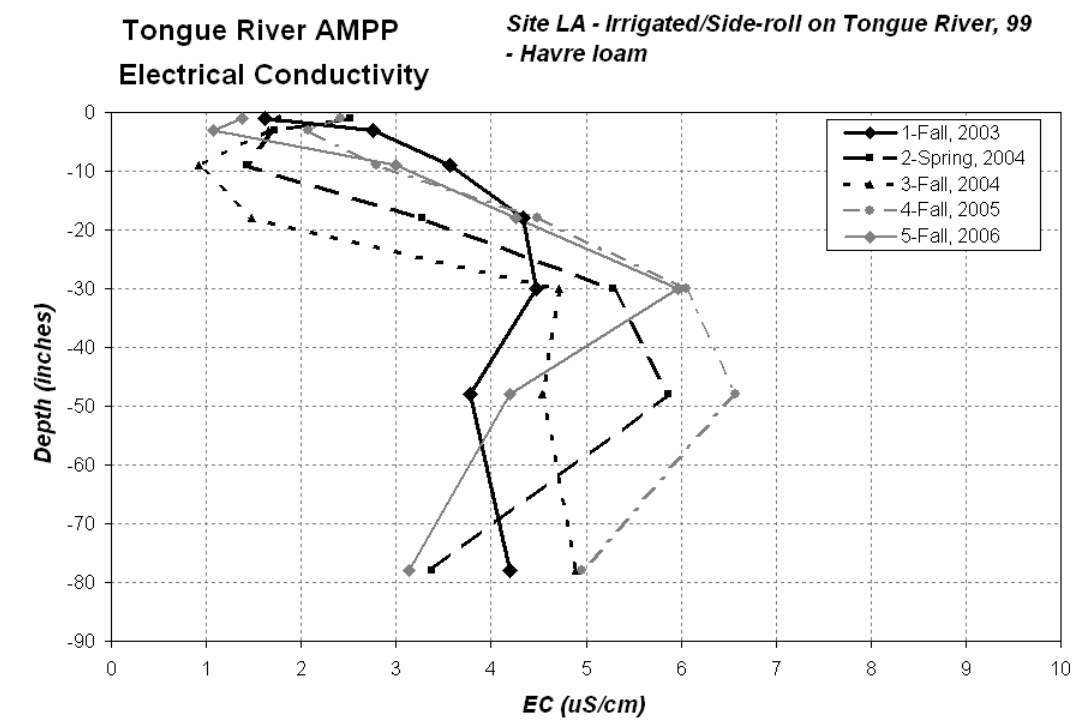

Figure 6-5. Trends in EC with depth for site LA.

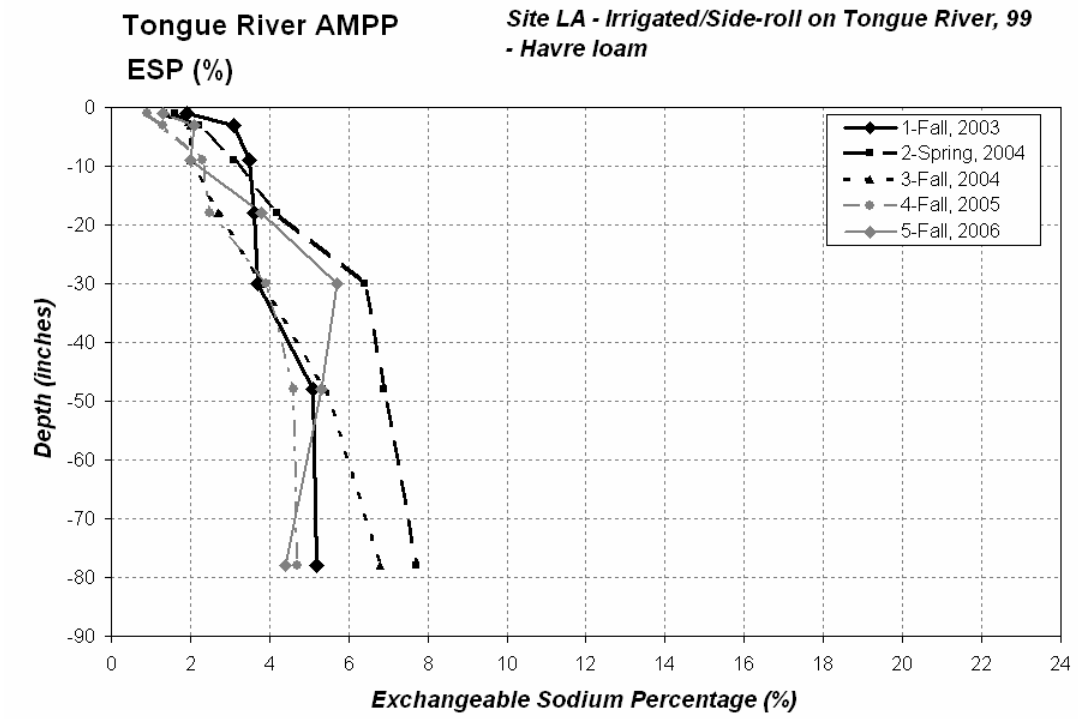

Figure 6-6. Trends in ESP with depth for site LA.

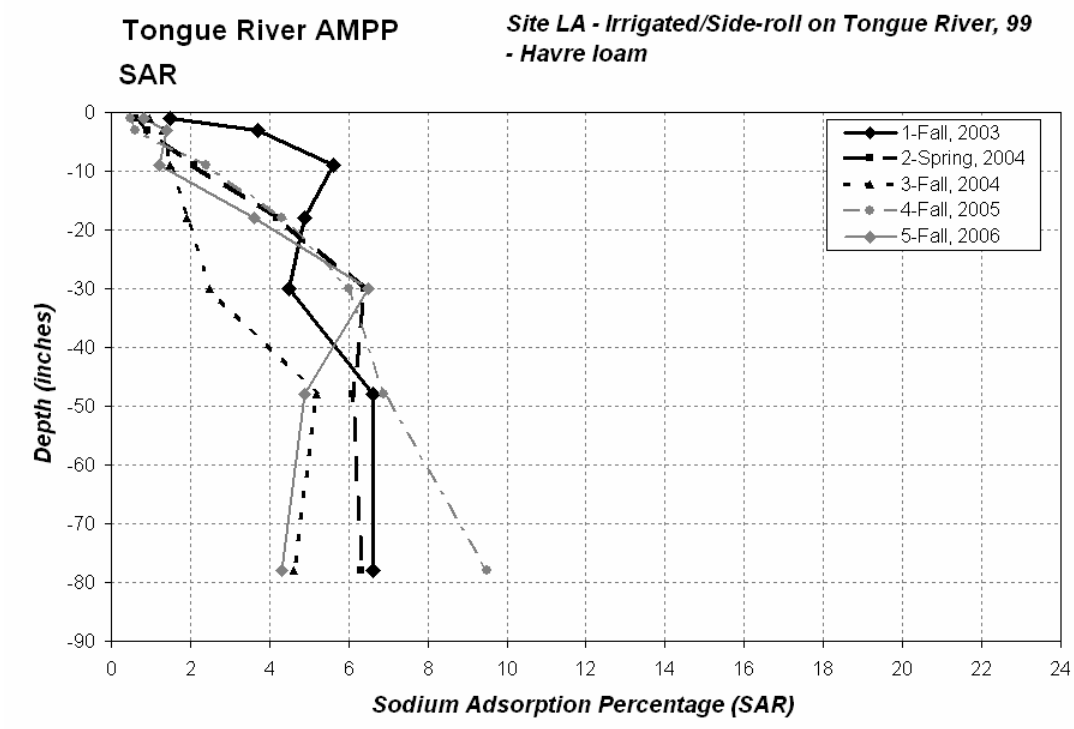

Figure 6-7. Trends in SAR with depth for site LA.

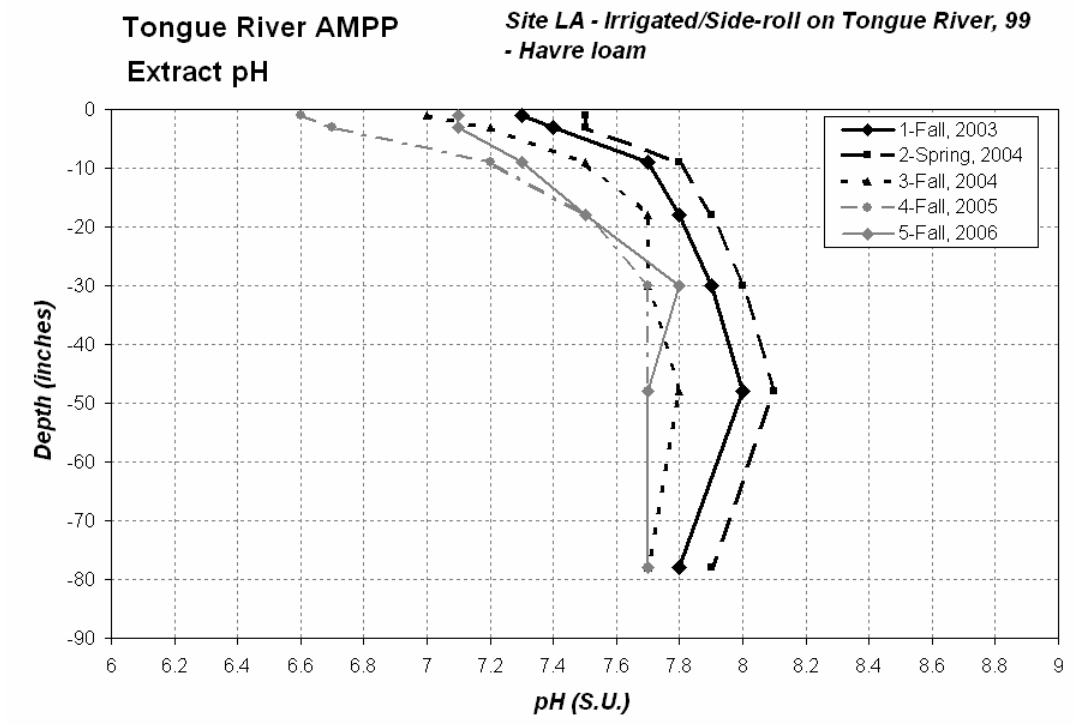

Figure 6-8. Trends in pH with depth for site LA.

6.1.3 Site GA

Site GA (Table 6-5 and 6-6) is also irrigated with a side-roll sprinkler and contains alfalfa/grass stand. This field is located on a bench of the Tongue River. Yields were 2.8 to 3.2 tons/acre within the AMPP monitoring area but were reported to be higher for the field overall, so portions of the field that were lower in the floodplain (outside of the AMPP monitoring area) most likely had slightly better yields. Applied irrigation water varied from 12 to 20 inches in 2003 through 2006.

Soil EC generally increased from less than 1 dS/m in the upper foot to 5 to 7 dS/m at 3 feet in depth, and then decreased at 8 feet. Surface EC levels did not change through time, but tended to decrease at 3 feet in 2004 and 2005, then again increased in 2006 (Figure 6-9). Removal of salts may was due to increased duration of each irrigation set from 12 to 24 hours in 2004. It may have also have been due to higher rainfall in 2005. Depth to water at site GA was 8 to 9 feet and EC was 1.4 to 1.7 dS/m while SAR ranged from 3.4 to 4.6 (Table 5-8). Soil ESP, SAR, and pH were generally unchanged through time (Figure 6-10 to 6-12), with the exception of ESP at 8 feet which varied widely. ESP decreased from 2004 to 2005 at site GA.

Table 6-5. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site GA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.7	0.76	45.1	4.2	2.4	1.4	0.8	5.9			
0	6	7.8	0.59	45.1	3.1	1.6	1.4	0.9	4.3			
6	12	7.7	0.69	43.2	3.5	1.9	2.4	1.4	5.2			
12	24	7.9	1.84	50.2	6.3	6.4	8.9	3.5	3.6			
24	36	8.1	6.8	40.1	21	32.7	40.6	7.8	2.2			
36	60	8	5.82	36.2	16.8	22.9	37.1	8.3	2.4			
60	96	8.1	1.37	30.5	2.4	3.2	7	4.2	3			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.7	0.67	43.9	4.48	2.51	1.19	0.6	6.2			1.41
0	6	7.7	0.64	42.3	4.4	2.32	1.48	0.8	5.2			3.24
6	12	7.8	0.63	40.3	3.65	1.9	2.19	1.3	4.4			0.71
12	24	7.9	2.13	41.7	8.3	7.94	9.96	3.5	3.6			0.85
24	36	8	6.34	39.1	19.1	28.4	31.7	6.5	3.2			1.55
36	60	8	5.98	31.4	16.8	28.4	30	6.3	2.4			1.83
60	96	8.2	1.91	31.7	3.38	3.81	9.59	5.1	3.4			0.56
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.4	1.05	44.8	5.29	3.46	1.61	0.77	9.3	ND	ND	
0	6	7.4	0.92	45.7	4.64	2.58	2.74	1.4	7.7	ND	ND	
6	12	7.6	0.78	42.8	3.87	2.34	2.66	1.5	5.2	ND	ND	
12	24	7.7	2.24	41.4	8.16	6.88	7.84	2.9	4.5	ND	ND	
24	36	7.8	4.71	40.4	12.9	21.6	20.8	5	3.5	ND	ND	
36	60	7.9	5.23	33	12	21.5	28.3	6.9	2.9	ND	ND	
60	90	8	3.06	30.4	4.48	7.58	18.1	7.4	3.2	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.3	0.88	46.8	5.48	2.88	0.77	0.38		6.5		
0	6	7.3	0.91	47.7	5.23	2.8	1	0.5		6.72		
6	12	7.6	0.6	41.8	3.57	1.98	1.66	1		5.35		
12	24	7.8	1.44	45.9	4.1	4	5.52	2.7		4.34		
24	36	7.8	4.16	41.8	12.3	18.1	20.9	5.4		3.32		
36	60	8	5.93	37.9	12.3	28.8	40	8.8		2.75		
60	96	7.8	2.46	29.8	3.88	7.11	13.3	5.7		2.31		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.2	0.9	68.7	5.26	3.27	1.08	0.52		7.1		0.13
0	6	7.3	0.81	50.5	4.63	2.39	1.39	0.74		6.29		0.07
6	12	7.5	0.66	40.5	3.67	2	1.3	0.77		4.46		ND
12	24	7.7	1.45	42.5	4.7	4.31	5.14	2.4		4.46		0.04
24	36	7.9	6.86	40.9	17.4	30.5	42.2	8.6		2.84		1.47
36	60	8	7.89	34.3	14.4	31.6	53.4	11		1.89		2.13

Table 6-6. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site GA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	35	41	24	L	5.6	33.4	0.4	1.1
0	6	29	45	26	L	5.6	29.4	0.5	1.6
6	12	28	44	28	CL	6	13.7	0.6	3.5
12	24	28	44	28	CL	7.3	20.5	1.5	5
24	36	33	45	22	L	7.2	22.7	2.9	5.4
36	60	56	28	16	SL	5.5	17.5	2.7	7.6
60	96	76	16	8	SL	5.3	17	0.9	3.8
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	30	44	26	L	5.7	23.7	0.56	2.1
0	6	38	39	23	L	5.7	21.2	0.61	2.6
6	12	30	47	23	L	6.4	19.2	0.69	3.2
12	24	29	46	25	L	7.4	20	1.41	5
24	36	44	39	17	L	6.8	14.8	2.16	6.2
36	60	59	30	11	SL	5.9	9.97	1.76	8.2
60	96	82	11	7	LS	4.9	4.54	1.08	17
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	36	40	24	L	5.7	26.3	0.49	1.6
0	6	34	43	23	L	5.8	26.8	0.74	2.3
6	12	26	48	26	L	6.7	23.4	0.74	2.7
12	24	34	44	22	L	7.2	21.2	1.34	4.8
24	36	43	39	18	L	6.7	17.7	1.89	5.9
36	60	56	30	14	SL	6.2	13.8	2.32	10
60	90	66	22	12	SL	6.1	11.3	1.83	11
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	43	37	20	L	5.7	31.6	0.39	1.1
0	6	34	45	21	L	6.1	25.6	0.55	2
6	12	31	48	21	L	6.6	24.8	0.53	1.9
12	24	30	46	24	L	7.6	22.4	1.08	3.7
24	36	38	44	18	L	7.3	20.6	2.05	5.7
36	60	43	39	18	L	7.3	16.9	2.47	5.7
60	96	69	20	11	SL	6.1	13	1.22	6.3
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	11	55	34	SiCL	7.7	41	0.59	1.3
0	6	29	48	23	L	5.6	33.4	0.54	1.4
6	12	33	48	19	L	5.9	25.3	0.51	1.8
12	24	30	51	19	SiL	7.3	23.4	0.91	2.9
24	36	44	43	13	L	6.9	19	2.98	6.6
36	60	56	35	9	SL	6.3	13.9	3.51	12
60	96	78	19	3	LS	5	11.7	1.25	7.5

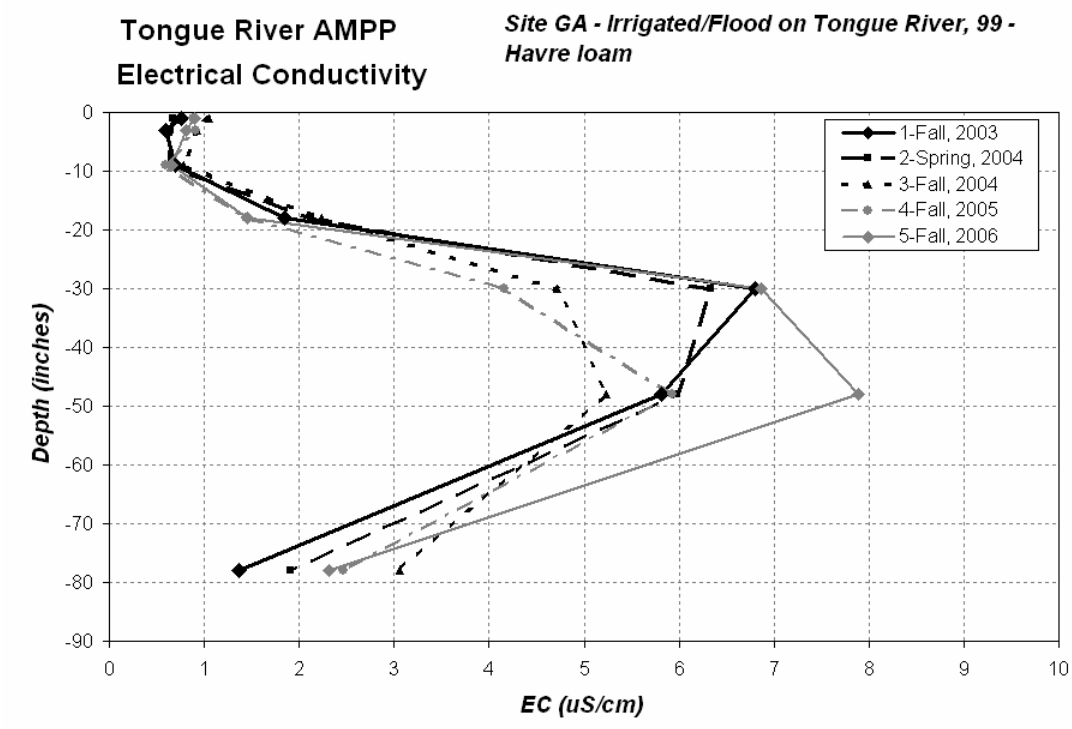

Figure 6-9. Trends in EC with depth for site GA.

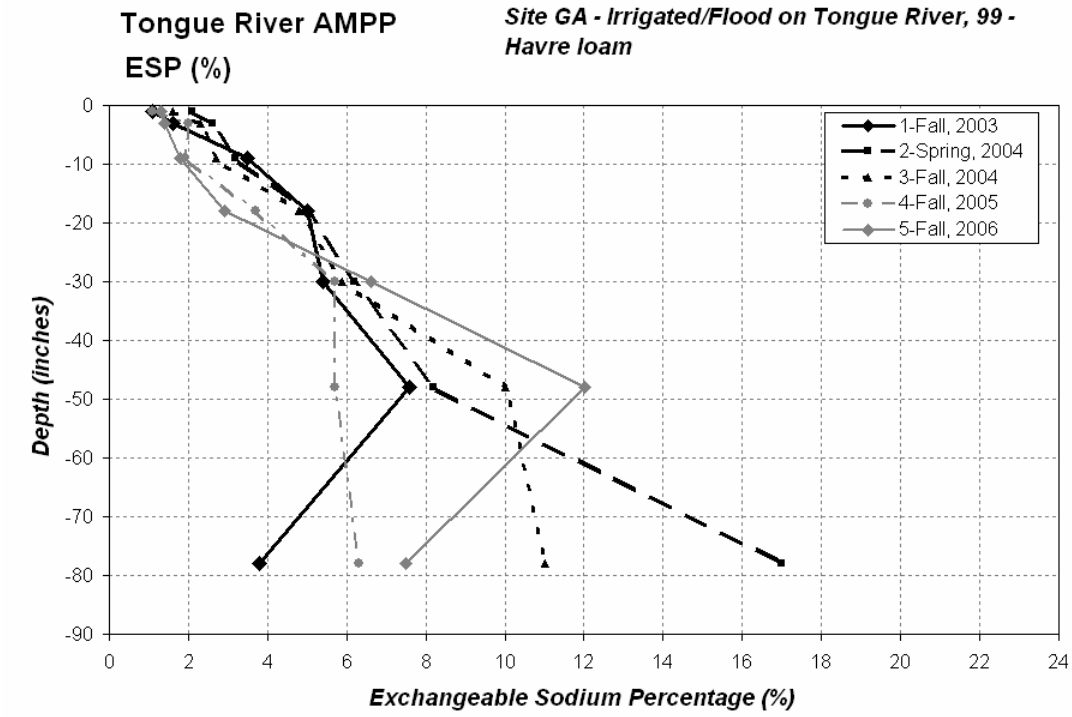

Figure 6-10. Trends in ESP with depth for site GA.

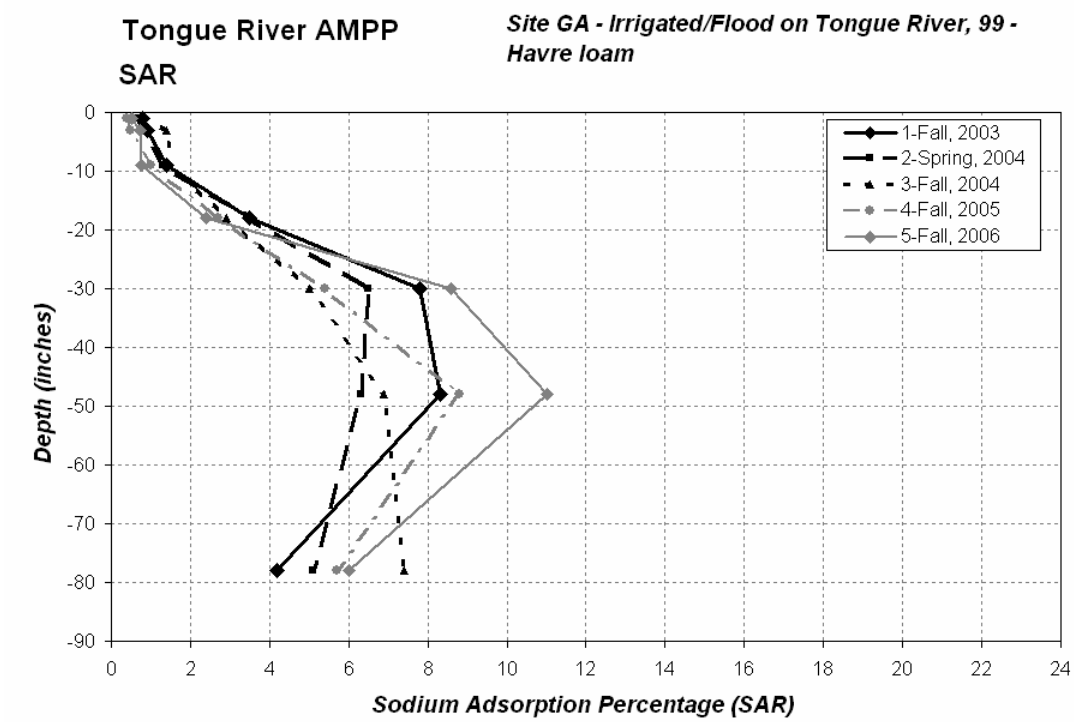

Figure 6-11. Trends in SAR with depth for site GA.

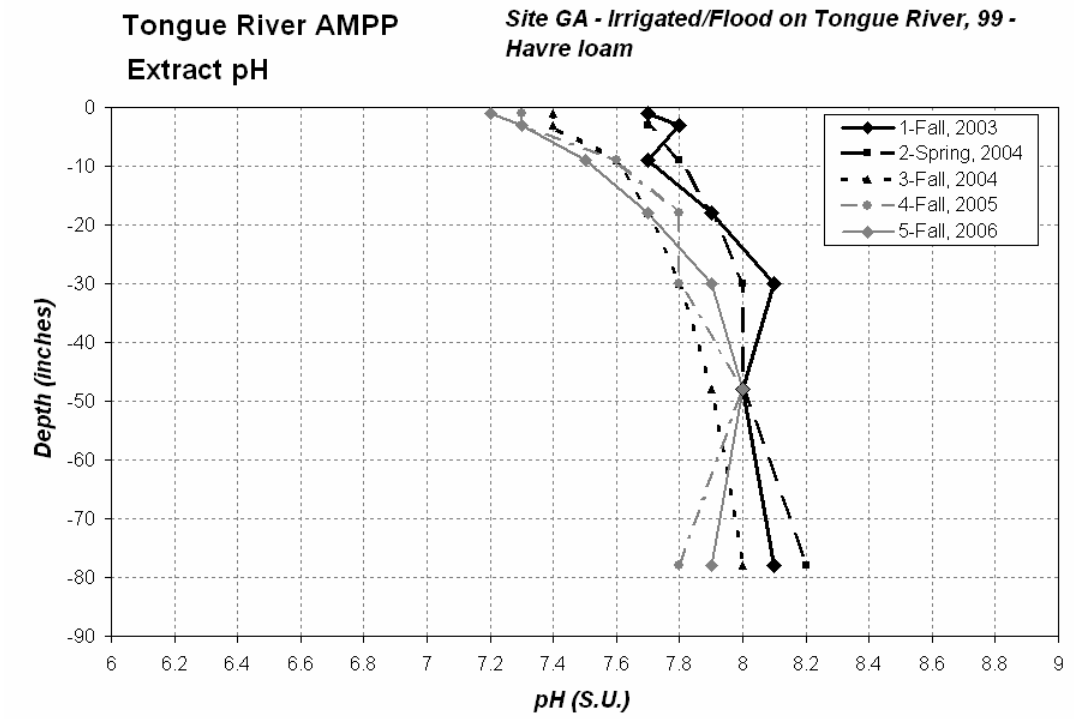

Figure 6-12. Trends in pH with depth for site GA.

6.1.4 Site GB

Site GB (Table 6-7 and 6-8) is a dryland field that was sampled only in 2003 to provide a comparison between irrigated and dryland fields that had the same soil mapping unit and similar landscapes. Soil EC, ESP, SAR and pH (Figures 6-13 to 6-16) are very similar between sites GA and GB except salts had been leached by irrigation water from the 12-24 inch depth in GB to 24-36 inch depth in GA.

Table 6-7. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site GB.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.7	0.73	43.6	5	1.9	0.4	0.2	6.5			
0	6	7.9	0.63	42.1	3.8	1.6	0.6	0.4	5.1			
6	12	8	0.64	38.5	2.6	1.6	1.7	1.2	4.9			
12	24	8.1	4.05	39.2	14	17.4	16.8	4.2	3.7			
24	36	8	5.49	42.1	13.1	26.6	30.8	6.9	2.4			
36	60	8.1	6.85	42.7	17.6	37.7	32.7	6.2	2.4			
60	96	8	2.64	35.4	5.3	10.3	15.6	5.6	2.8			

Table 6-8. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site GB.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	37	49	14	L	4.3	28.7	0.4	1.2
0	6	33	50	17	SiL	5.9	27.7	0.3	1
6	12	34	47	19	L	6.3	23.2	0.5	1.8
12	24	36	46	18	L	7	22.9	1.5	3.5
24	36	35	46	19	L	7.9	15	2.6	9
36	60	41	41	18	L	7.8	14.1	2.4	6.8
60	96	56	28	16	SL	8.3	21.6	1.3	3.6

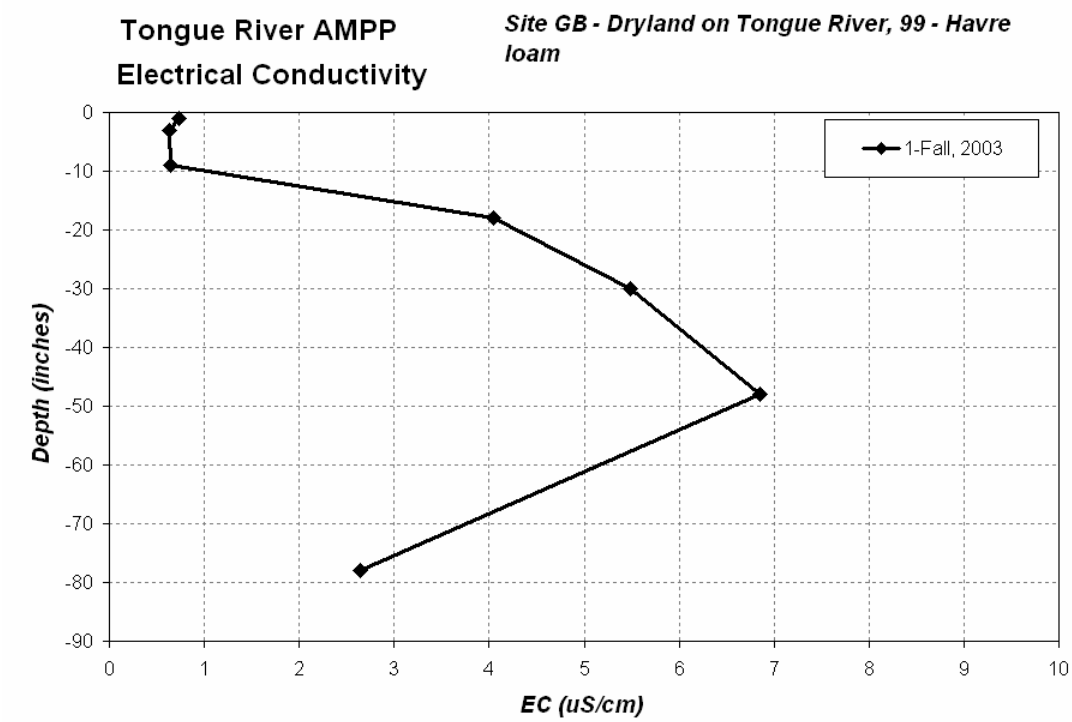

Figure 6-13. Trends in EC with depth for site GB.

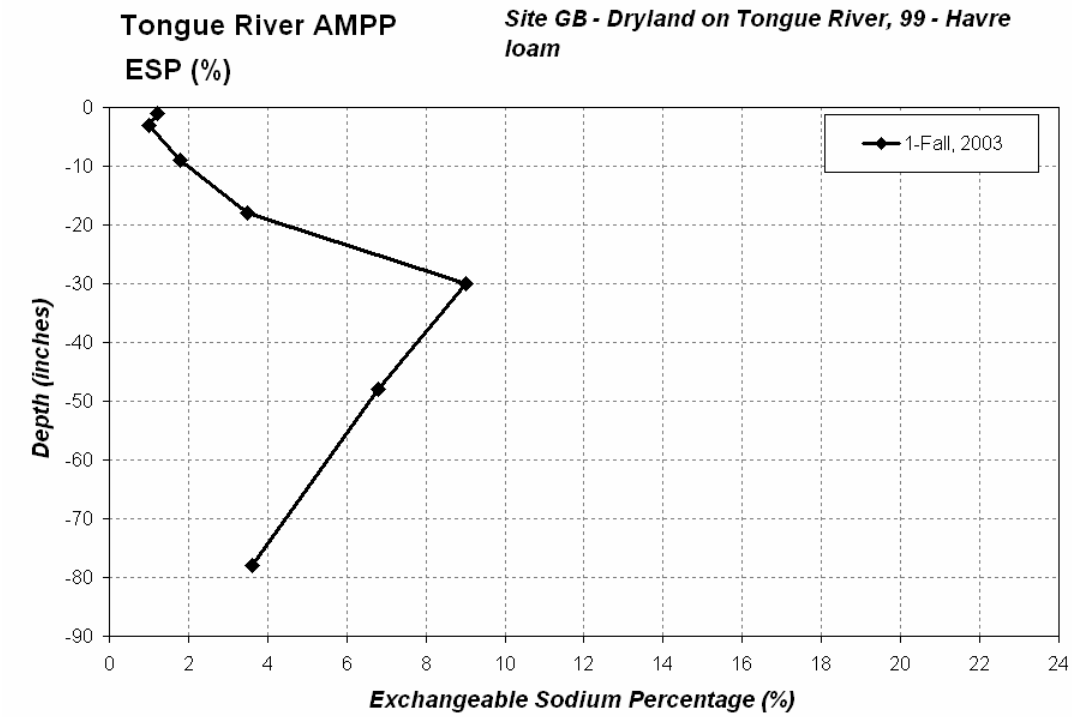

Figure 6-14. Trends in ESP with depth for site GB.

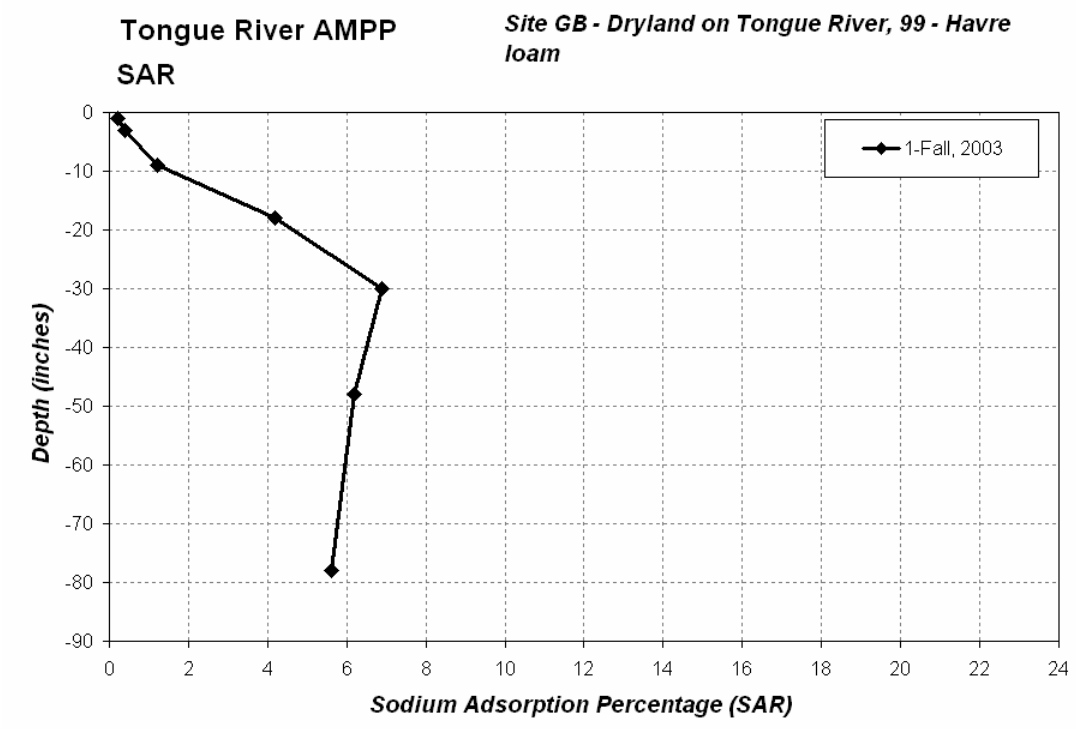

Figure 6-15. Trends in SAR with depth for site GB.

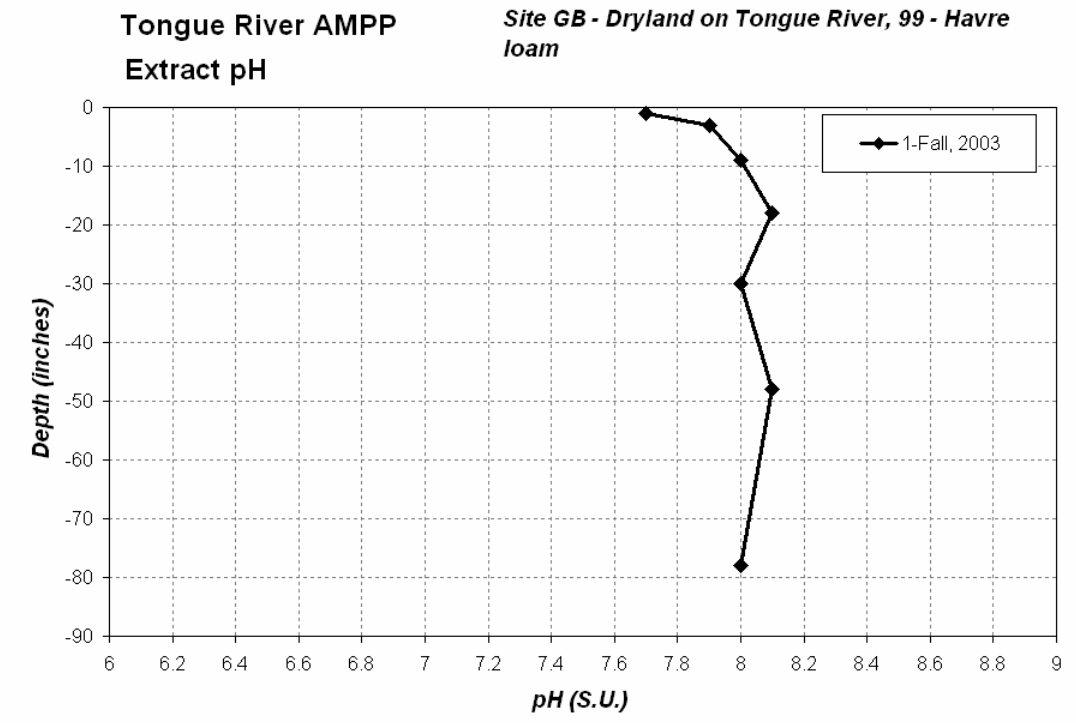

Figure 6-16. Trends in pH with depth for site GB.

6.1.5 Site GC

Site GC (Table 6-9 and 6-10) is a flood-irrigated alfalfa field that has been land-leveled. Alfalfa yields varied from 2.5 to 3.2 tons per acre and 24, 16, and 18 inches of irrigation water was applied in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

All soil properties (Figure 6-17 to 6-20) were uniform with depth and through time indicating that this field had a higher leaching fraction than other AMPP fields and was well-drained (e.g. no water table within 8 feet of surface).

Table 6-9. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site GC.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.7	0.78	64.1	4.6	2.8	1.5	0.8	6.6			
0	6	7.8	0.67	57.9	3.6	2.1	1.7	1	5			
6	12	7.9	0.61	54.1	2.7	1.6	2.3	1.5	3.5			
12	24	7.9	0.83	50.6	3.7	2.4	2.6	1.5	2.2			
24	36	8	0.86	43.4	4	2.6	2.5	1.4	2.7			
36	60	7.9	0.77	38.9	3.3	2.4	2.3	1.3	2.7			
60	96	8	0.64	27.4	2.7	2	1.9	1.2	2.9			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.5	1.58	58.7	8.07	5.14	1.74	0.7	7			4.94
0	6	7.7	0.72	56.8	3.93	2.27	1.35	0.8	5.6			2.4
6	12	7.8	0.53	50.5	2.57	1.57	1.62	1.1	4			1.27
12	24	7.9	0.78	47.9	3.38	2.12	2	1.2	2.8			1.13
24	36	7.9	0.81	43.3	3.68	2.4	2.01	1.2	3.2			1.41
36	60	7.8	0.99	39.5	5.35	3.74	2.59	1.2	3.6			8.04
60	96	7.9	1.27	24.9	6.8	4.51	5.02	2.1	3.6			1.13
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.3	1.29	69.7	5.69	3.57	2.11	0.98	ND	ND	ND	
0	6	7.9	1.12	59.8	6.22	3.91	2.5	1.1	8.8	ND	ND	
6	12	7.6	0.94	55.8	4.45	2.83	2.74	1.4	4.8	ND	ND	
12	24	7.6	1.25	51.1	5.32	3.54	3.23	1.5	3.6	ND	ND	
24	36	7.7	1.43	43.9	6.43	4.47	3.33	1.4	3.3	ND	ND	
36	60	7.6	0.76	36.7	3.8	2.54	2.14	1.2	3.6	ND	ND	
60	90	7.5	0.65	30	2.87	2.65	1.8	1.1	ND	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.2	1.23	69.7	6.39	4.05	1.19	0.52		10.4		
0	6	7.3	0.87	64.1	5.43	3.38	1.35	0.64		7.8		
6	12	7.6	0.62	57.8	3.23	2.15	1.96	1.2		5.06		
12	24	7.7	0.87	51.5	4.07	2.81	2.96	1.6		3.61		
24	36	7.6	1.45	48.3	7.78	5.32	3.69	1.4		2.89		
36	60	7.6	0.93	38.5	4.89	3.37	2.49	1.2		2.75		
60	96	7.6	0.8	27.3	3.61	2.74	2.25	1.3		2.75		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.4	0.79	51.4	4.18	2.4	0.8	0.44		6.79		0.17
0	6	7.1	1.09	59.3	5.99	3.85	1.5	0.68		7.3		0.38
6	12	7.5	0.63	53.7	2.88	1.93	1.49	0.96		3.24		0.28
12	24	7.6	0.67	48.2	2.98	2.07	1.74	1.1		3.45		0.36
24	36	7.6	1.17	44.4	5.53	3.92	2.95	1.4		2.43		0.49
36	60	7.6	1.17	38.8	5.15	3.69	2.63	1.2		2.84		0.09
60	96	7.5	0.92	26.8	4.05	3.01	2.06	1.1		2.97		0.05

Table 6-10. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site GC.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	15	52	33	SiCL	10.5	37.5	0.7	1.7
0	6	12	53	35	SiCL	9.7	42.2	0.6	1.3
6	12	8	57	35	SiCL	8.8	39.1	0.8	1.8
12	24	10	59	31	SiCL	9.2	33.3	0.9	2.2
24	36	24	52	24	SiL	9.5	28.7	0.7	2.2
36	60	31	47	22	L	8.7	24.2	0.7	2.4
60	96	52	32	16	L	8.1	17.6	0.6	3.4
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	11	52	37	SiCL	8	36.8	0.71	1.6
0	6	5	56	39	SICL	8.2	29.3	0.81	2.5
6	12	7	53	40	SiC	8.5	30.3	0.99	3
12	24	12	55	33	SiCL	9.2	25.7	1.11	4
24	36	25	49	26	L	8.7	22.1	0.89	3.6
36	60	30	46	24	L	8.1	18.3	1.05	5.2
60	96	40	51	9	SiL	5.9	10.8	0.99	8
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	12	53	35	SiCL	8	31.5	0.63	1.5
0	6	13	51	36	SiCL	8.2	30.9	0.63	1.6
6	12	11	52	37	SiCL	8.9	22.6	0.78	2.8
12	24	12	54	34	SiCL	9.3	25.2	0.82	2.6
24	36	22	50	28	CL	9.1	25	0.74	2.4
36	60	40	40	20	L	8.1	20.9	0.68	2.9
60	90	63	26	11	SL	6.8	15.1	0.51	3
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	16	49	35	SiCL	8.6	43.1	0.49	1
0	6	12	53	35	SiCL	9	35.9	0.55	1.3
6	12	7	56	37	SiCL	9.8	30.2	0.64	1.8
12	24	15	54	31	SiCL	10.1	32.7	0.71	1.7
24	36	22	50	28	CL	9.4	27	0.67	1.8
36	60	40	40	20	L	10	21.5	0.63	2.5
60	96	61	28	11	SL	8.2	16.8	0.39	2
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	35	46	19	L	5.1	28.4	0.46	1.5
0	6	10	55	35	SiCL	8.2	38.3	0.63	1.4
6	12	9	58	33	SiCL	8.8	31.8	0.67	1.9
12	24	17	57	26	SiL	9.2	29.4	0.67	2
24	36	29	49	22	L	7.8	24.5	0.75	2.5
36	60	31	50	19	SiL	8.5	22	0.73	2.9
60	96	68	24	8	SL	5.9	14.7	0.49	2.9

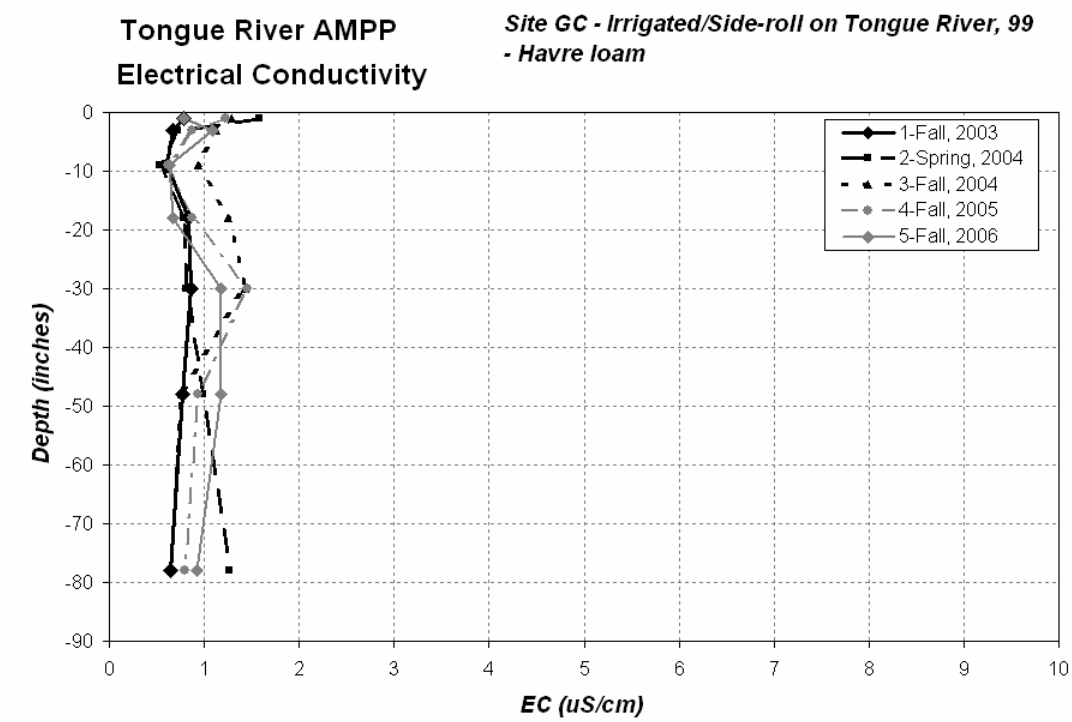

Figure 6-17. Trends in EC with depth for site GC.

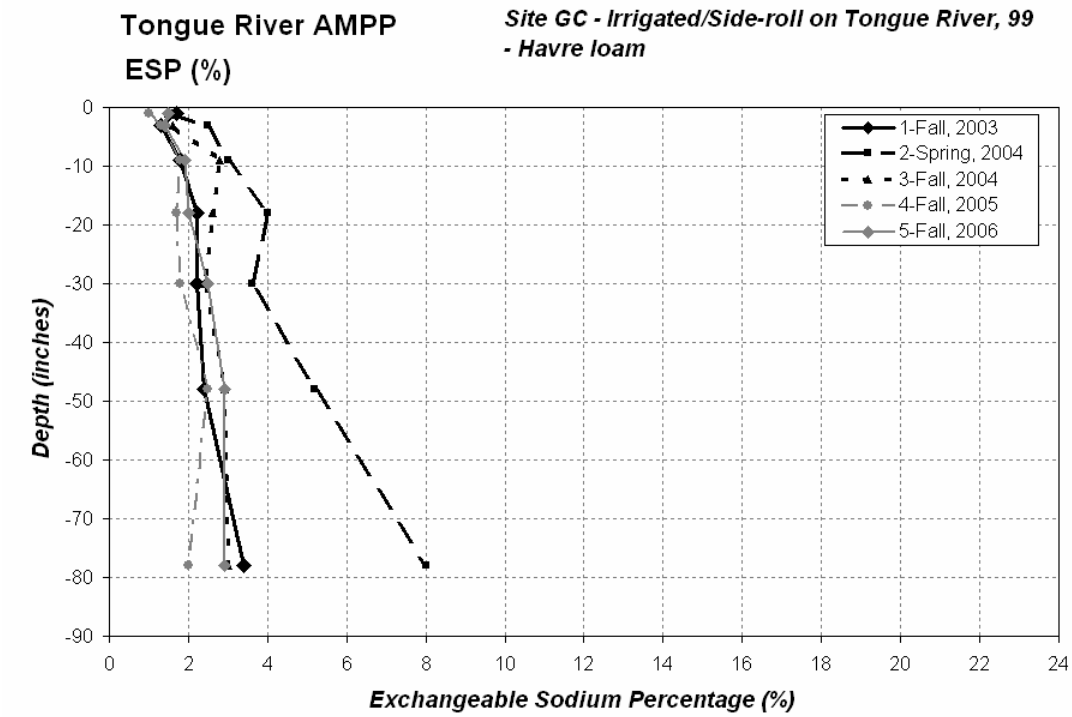

Figure 6-18. Trends in ESP with depth for site GC.

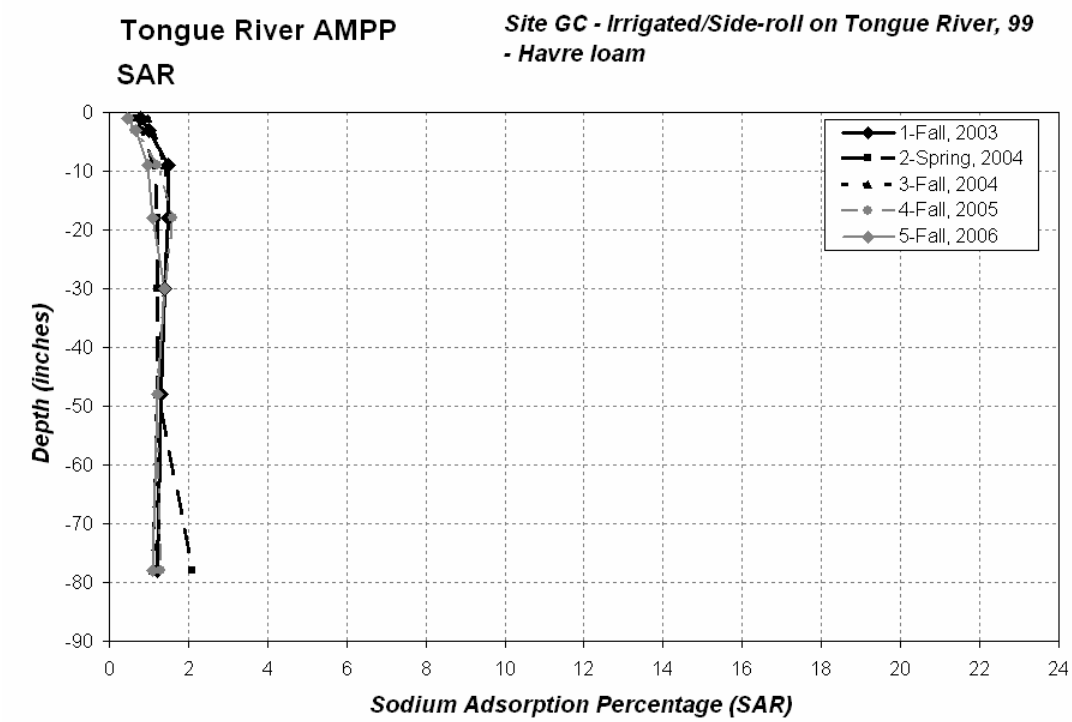

Figure 6-19. Trends in SAR with depth for site GC.

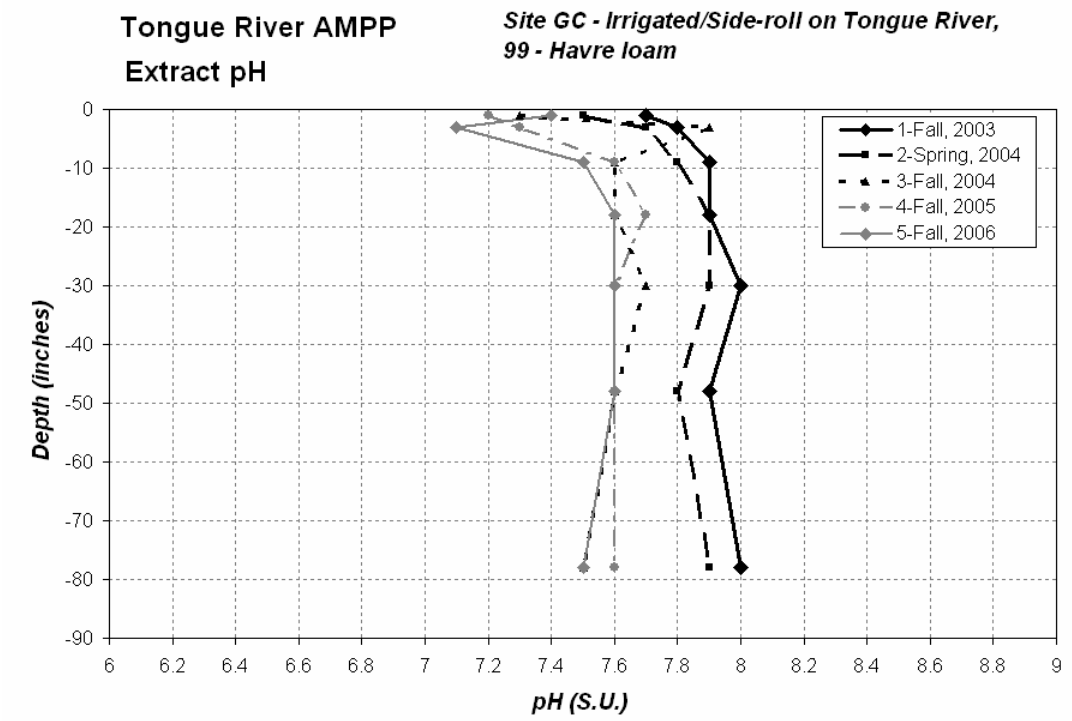

Figure 6-20. Trends in pH with depth for site GC.

6.1.6 Site EA

Site EA (Table 6-11 and 6-12) was in a transitional cropping pattern with hay millet in 2003, fallow in 2004, and new alfalfa established in 2005. About 10 inches of irrigation water was applied in 2003 and none in 2004. Irrigation was increased in 2005 to 18 inches to support the new alfalfa stand. Only 6 inches of irrigation water was applied in 2006, although the field yielded over 4 tons/acre suggesting that the field is sub-irrigated. This field is flood irrigated.

EC at site EA (Figure 6-21), like at most AMPP sites, was low (<2 dS/m) near-surface and increased to around 5 dS/m at 3 to 5 feet in depth. Salinity decreased significantly in 2005 in the upper 4 feet in response to increased leaching from irrigation and rainfall. EC at depth remained low in 2006. ESP, SAR and pH (Figure 6-22 to 6-24) showed the typical pattern of increase with depth common to most AMPP soils. Additionally, ESP and SAR also decreased in 2005 and 2006 owing to irrigation management. Site EA had a water table at 7 feet in depth (Table 5.8) with an EC of 1.9 dS/m and an SAR of 2.9.

Table 6-11. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site EA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.6	1.4	57.8	7.1	4.4	2.9	1.2	7.6			
0	6	7.8	1.88	60.1	9.3	5.7	5.4	2	6.4			
6	12	7.9	1.55	47.6	5.7	4	6.6	3	4			
12	24	7.8	4	53.7	17.6	14.9	18.5	4.6	3.2			
24	36	8	4.77	52.3	16.1	21.1	24.2	5.6	2.8			
36	60	7.9	5.58	50.1	17.4	28.1	26.7	5.6	2.4			
60	96	8	2.19	45.6	5	9.3	11	4.1	2.8			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.5	0.99	58.2	6.09	3.46	1.87	0.9	8.4			0.71
0	6	7.6	0.94	56.3	5.42	3.09	2.33	1.1	10			0.71
6	12	7.6	2.66	55.6	13.5	10	7.16	2.1	4.6			0.42
12	24	7.6	4.6	51.8	24.6	21.2	13.1	2.7	4			0.56
24	36	7.8	5.52	48.5	20	24.9	20.7	4.4	3.6			0.28
36	60	8	4.17	42.8	8.41	16.1	19.6	5.6	3			0.56
60	96	7.8	3.16	40.7	11.6	16.3	11.7	3.1	2.6			0.42
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.6	1.09	55.5	5.09	3.29	2.17	1.1	9.5	ND	ND	
0	6	7.5	2.28	54.7	10.7	6.64	5.49	1.9	ND	ND	ND	
6	12	7.6	3.3	56.1	15.2	11.4	12.5	3.4	ND	ND	ND	
12	24	7.8	5.37	54.5	22.7	19.6	21.7	4.7	ND	ND	ND	
24	36	7.8	4.81	53.4	16.7	18.9	22.1	5.2	ND	ND	ND	
36	60	8	5.88	45.3	14.4	25.4	30	6.7	2.4	ND	ND	
60	90	8	2.7	43.2	4.51	9.14	12.5	4.8	2.8	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.3	1.26	61.9	7.94	5.39	1	0.39		11.9		
0	6	7.3	1.14	57.6	6.4	4.16	1.59	0.69		9.54		
6	12	7.6	0.91	46.3	4.54	3.1	2.83	1.4		4.91		
12	24	7.6	1.26	44.7	4.43	3.55	4.62	2.3		4.77		
24	36	7.7	3.14	51.5	12.3	13.1	11.2	3.2		3.06		
36	60	7.8	4.74	43.1	14.7	25.6	28.3	6.3		2.46		
60	96	7.9	3.56	45.6	7.86	17.7	21.6	6		2.75		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.4	0.97	58.2	5.84	3.27	0.72	0.34		7.1		0.21
0	6	7.3	1.11	54	5.77	3.96	1.21	0.55		8.52		0.75
6	12	7.5	1.12	48.7	5.16	3.42	2.51	1.2		3.85		0.27
12	24	7.6	1.28	46.3	4.09	3.55	5.28	2.7		4.26		0.27
24	36	7.7	2.92	47.5	9.81	11	12.6	3.9		2.7		0.38
36	60	7.9	3.59	38.6	7.31	13.9	18.7	5.7		2.64		0.21
60	96	7.9	2.92	35.8	5.78	12.8	12.7	4.2		2.16		0.59

Table 6-12. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site EA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	31	42	27	CL	6	32.5	1	2.4
0	6	17	54	29	SiCL	6.3	32.5	1.2	2.8
6	12	21	52	27	CL	6.5	31.1	1.5	4
12	24	20	45	35	SiCL	7.3	30.2	2.3	4.3
24	36	29	41	30	CL	8.5	25.1	2.3	4.1
36	60	30	42	28	CL	8.1	24.2	2.3	4
60	96	19	56	25	SiL	7.6	20.8	1.6	5.3
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	21	50	29	CL	5.8	26.4	0.51	1.5
0	6	17	53	30	SiCL	5.9	28.6	0.7	2
6	12	12	54	34	SiCL	6.1	26.6	1.33	3.5
12	24	13	51	36	SiCL	7.2	26.3	1.83	4.4
24	36	23	49	28	CL	8.8	20.5	2.31	6.4
36	60	36	42	22	L	8.1	19.6	2.17	6.8
60	96	39	37	24	L	8	16.9	1.2	4.3
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	22	51	27	CL	6.1	26.8	0.55	1.6
0	6	18	56	26	SiL	6.3	35.5	0.86	1.6
6	12	17	53	30	SiCL	6.5	28	1.78	3.8
12	24	17	50	33	SiCL	7.1	26.3	2.45	4.8
24	36	20	57	23	SiL	7.9	24	2.44	5.2
36	60	34	40	26	L	8.5	22.7	2.55	5.2
60	90	33	41	26	L	8.5	18.6	1.73	6.4
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	22	52	26	SiL	6.7	33.8	0.47	1.2
0	6	19	56	25	SiL	7	34.7	0.49	1.2
6	12	23	53	24	SiL	7.7	30.3	0.65	1.7
12	24	26	46	28	CL	7.8	32.5	0.89	2.1
24	36	20	52	28	SiCL	9.9	31.2	1.46	2.8
36	60	38	40	22	L	9.3	25.1	2.08	3.4
60	96	38	34	28	CL	9.4	27.8	1.92	3.4
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	22	57	21	SiL	5.9	35	0.43	1.1
0	6	24	51	25	SiL	4.6	39.5	0.45	1
6	12	20	58	22	SiL	5.4	32.2	0.64	1.6
12	24	28	49	23	L	7.2	31.5	1.11	2.8
24	36	22	53	25	SiL	8	34.1	1.71	3.3
36	60	48	39	13	L	7.8	26.1	1.85	4.3
60	96	48	39	13	L	7	24.1	1.48	4.3

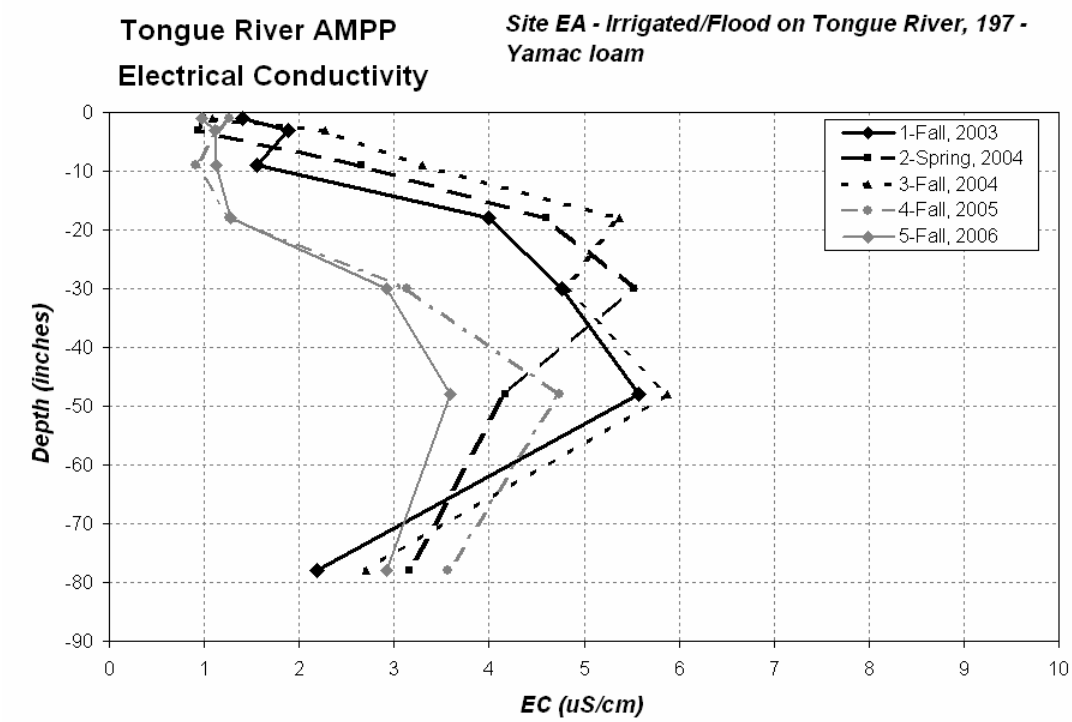

Figure 6-21. Trends in EC with depth for site EA.

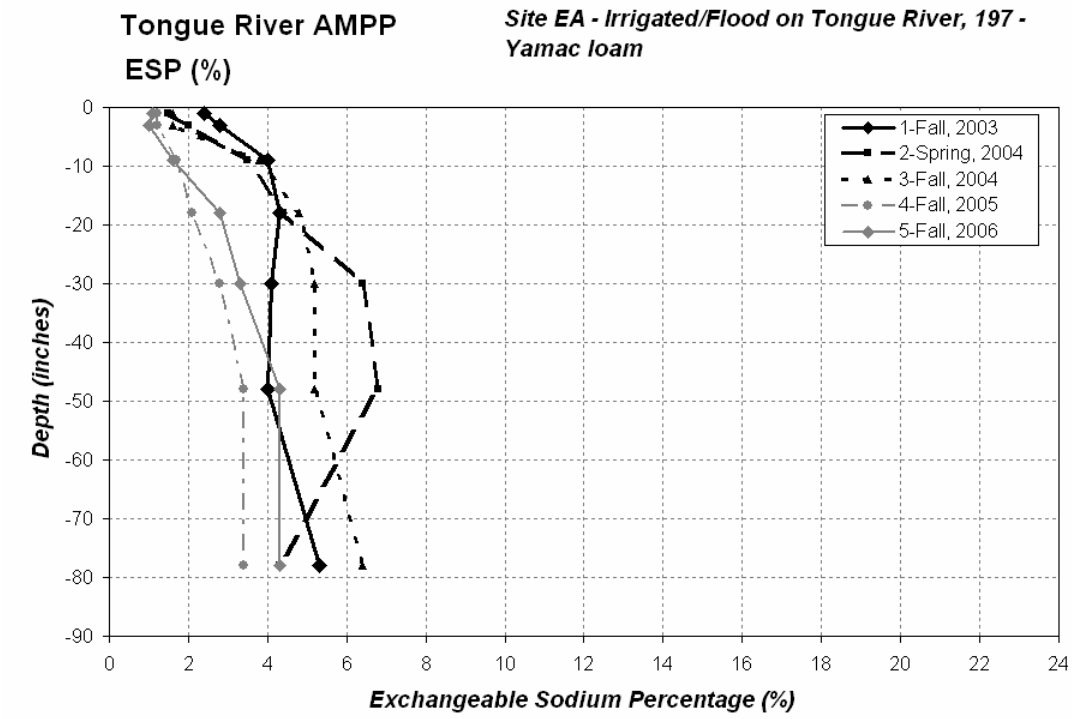

Figure 6-22. Trends in ESP with depth for site EA.

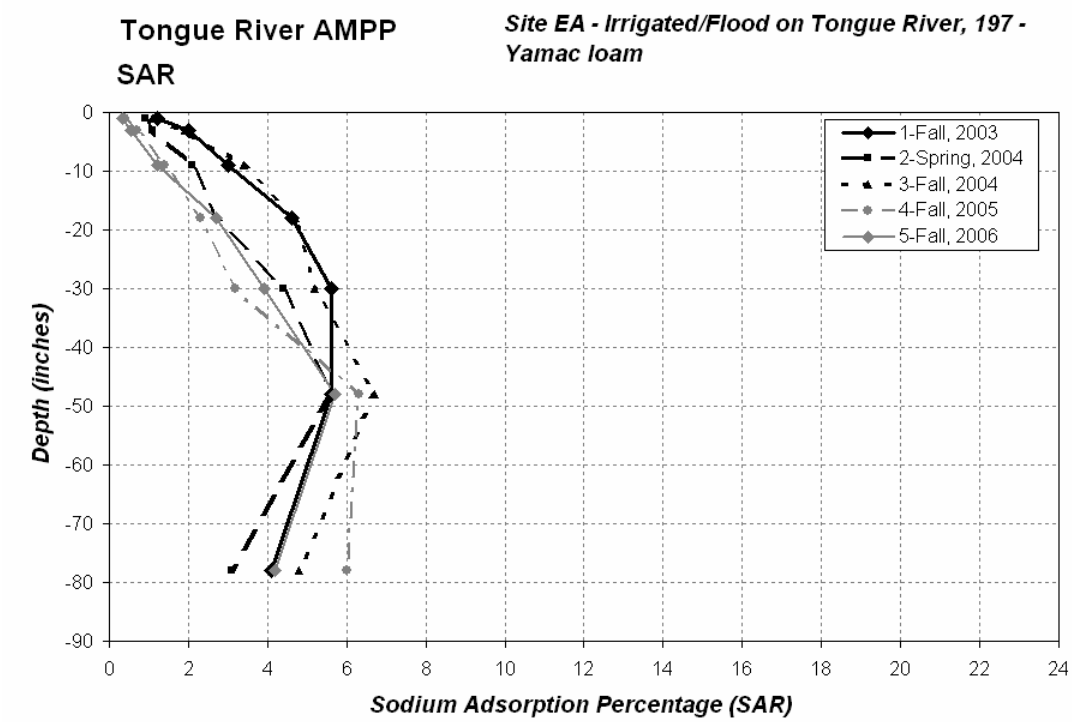

Figure 6-23. Trends in SAR with depth for site EA.

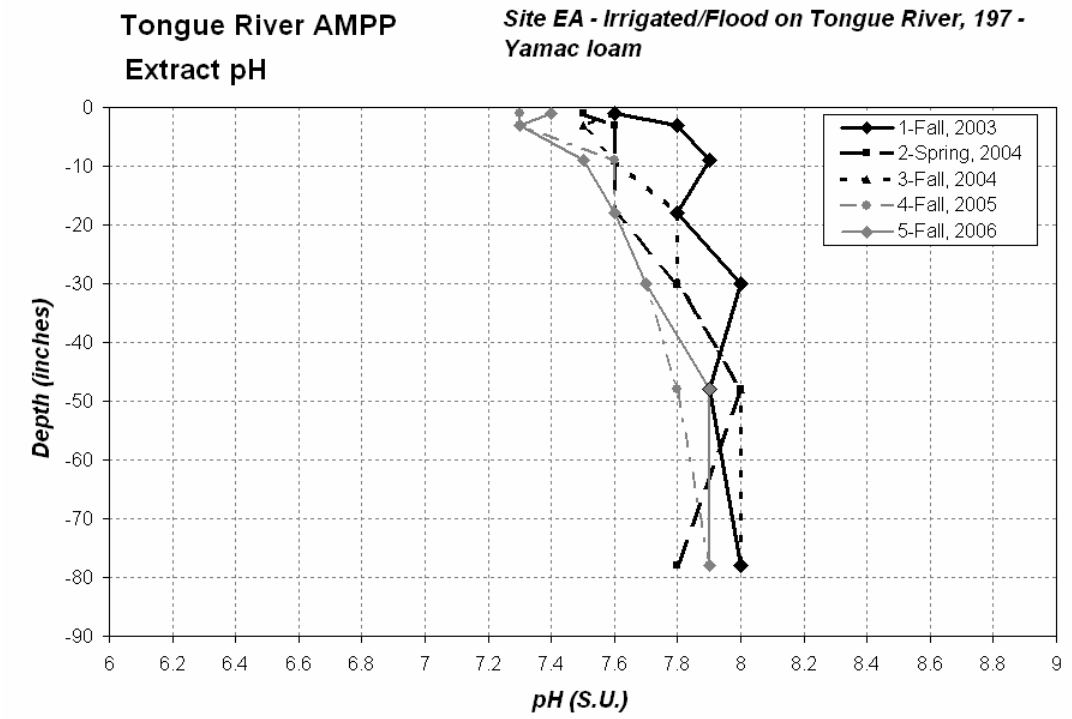

Figure 6-24. Trends in pH with depth for site EA.

6.1.7 Site DA

Site DA (Table 6-13 and 6-14) was a dryland field in 2003 in which a new center pivot was installed and was first operated in late 2003 with only one inch being applied. The field was in alfalfa/grass in 2003 and 2004 with 2004 yields of 1.7 tons per acre. Corn yield in 2005 was 31 tons per acre. The field was cropped with peas followed by millet in 2006 with yields of 18 bushels and 0.9 tons/acre, respectively. Applied irrigation water was 24, 13 and 12 inches in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

EC at site DA (Figure 6-25) reflects historical effects from tributary drainages. The field is located near the mouth of a tributary to the Tongue River, which intermittently conveys water with elevated EC and SAR. As a result, soil EC was the highest of any AMPP field, increasing from 2 to 3 dS/m near surface to 9 dS/m at 3 feet in depth. Surrounding dryland fields have abundant greasewood, which is an indicator of sodium-enriched soils.

EC levels decreased dramatically in the upper 2 feet of soil between 2004 and 2006. This was due to the change in water source, application of 24 inches of irrigation water in 2004, 13 inches in 2005 plus above average 2005 growing season, and 12 inches of irrigation in 2006. Soluble salts were effectively removed from the upper 2 feet of soil by the end of the second cropping season on this new pivot, but salts were still present in the 3 to 5 foot zone. Site DA has a high water table at 3 feet, which may account for the slow removal of salts below 3 feet. Water in boreholes had an EC of 4.5 to 11 dS/m and an SAR of 12 to 20.

ESP, SAR and pH (Figure 6-26 to 6-28) at site DA also reflect the influences of the elevated EC and SAR tributary water that historically spread over this field. ESP in the upper 5 feet decreased from 12 to 15 % in 2003 and 2004 to around 4 % in 2005 and 2006, indicating that exchangeable sodium status can change within about 2 irrigation seasons when irrigation management changes.

Table 6-13. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site DA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.4	1.33	39.6	6.1	3.5	3.8	1.8	9.4			
0	6	7.6	5.49	42.4	21.9	13	30.2	7.2	5.4			
6	12	7.8	7.8	41.9	20.9	18.7	48.5	11	4.8			
12	24	8.1	9.16	36.5	19.3	24.8	79.5	17	3.2			
24	36	8.3	6.86	35.6	7.8	12.8	53.9	17	2.8			
36	60	8.1	6.09	35.1	7.7	11.9	51.1	16	2.8			
60	96	8	3.54	25.6	5.2	5.7	27.3	12	3.2			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.4	3.55	34.3	21.2	10	8.99	2.3	8.8			2.4
0	6	7.5	4.29	35	26.1	13.5	15.7	3.5	6.6			2.68
6	12	7.8	7.32	34.1	29.7	20.8	41.6	8.3	5.6			0.99
12	24	8	9.05	31.2	19.5	20.4	56	13	4.2			1.27
24	36	7.9	7.56	27.7	17.8	22.6	46.5	10	4			1.55
36	60	7.8	6.31	25.5	17.6	21.5	34.2	7.7	2.8			0.99
60	96	7.9	3.85	21.3	7.77	8.47	23.2	8.2	3.2			0.42
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.5	1.64	38.4	5.92	4.47	4.07	1.8	10.7	ND	ND	
0	6	7.6	1.99	39.1	12.6	7.91	6.59	2	10	ND	ND	
6	12	7.6	5.11	36.7	26.2	16.6	21.7	4.7	5.3	ND	ND	
12	24	8	8.22	30.8	21.7	20.5	64.5	14	ND	ND	ND	
24	36	8	8.85	29	18.6	20.8	67.9	15	3.3	ND	ND	
36	60	8	7.13	27	12.5	16.4	56.4	15	4	ND	ND	
60	90	7.8	6.08	25	11.4	12.3	51.5	15	ND	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.4	0.8	37.9	5	2.53	1.33	0.69		5.99		
0	6	7.4	4	37.3	20.4	10.3	19	4.8		5.59		
6	12	7.6	4.8	38.1	20.8	12.7	28.4	7		4		
12	24	7.7	4.65	35.3	12.6	11	32.4	9.4		3.33		
24	36	8	7.55	30.7	14.3	18	68.3	17		3		
36	60	7.9	8.97	27.6	16.1	21.9	85.8	20		2.8		
60	96	7.8	4.69	24.8	7.19	7.78	41.4	15		2.8		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.6	1.42	37.6	4.44	3	4	2.1		6.89		ND
0	6	7.6	2.04	38.4	7.45	4.15	7.21	3		6.08		0.68
6	12	7.7	5.05	36.6	22.8	13.5	26.3	6.2		3.45		0.99
12	24	8	7.54	32.5	18.2	18.6	54.2	13		2.43		0.86
24	36	8	6.61	31.4	13.8	17.6	50.5	13		2.23		1.98
36	60	8.1	9.23	28	16.6	25.4	83.2	18		2.03		2.46
60	96	7.9	5.83	24.3	8.79	11.1	47.2	15		2.64		1.32

Table 6-14. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site DA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	50	38	12	L	7.5	14.9	0.9	5.1
0	6	49	36	15	L	7.5	15.3	2.7	9.1
6	12	45	40	15	L	7.9	16.5	3.1	6.3
12	24	45	39	16	L	7.9	14.6	4.6	11
24	36	60	31	9	SL	8.2	10.4	3.3	13
36	60	69	21	10	SL	6.9	13.2	3.2	10
60	96	82	14	4	LS	6.3	8.8	2.4	20
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	52	37	11	L	7.1	15.8	0.88	3.6
0	6	47	40	13	L	7.1	16.5	1.34	4.8
6	12	43	42	15	L	7.2	13.7	2.75	9.7
12	24	55	34	11	SL	7.8	13.2	3.58	14
24	36	66	25	9	SL	6.3	7.72	2.61	17
36	60	69	23	8	SL	6.2	7.69	2.04	15
60	96	84	11	5	LS	4.5	5.44	1.67	22
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	51	37	12	L	7.4	12.8	0.63	3.7
0	6	50	37	13	L	7.3	13.1	0.94	5.2
6	12	49	39	12	L	7.8	13.1	1.77	7.4
12	24	60	30	10	SL	7.1	9.26	3.54	17
24	36	61	29	10	SL	7.4	9.83	3.69	17
36	60	76	18	6	SL	6.6	9.74	3.27	18
60	90	67	25	8	SL	6	9.14	2.53	14
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	51	37	12	L	7.7	20	0.39	1.7
0	6	48	39	13	L	7.8	21.2	1.36	3.1
6	12	54	34	12	SL	7.7	21.6	1.6	2.4
12	24	67	25	8	SL	7.3	16.1	1.74	3.7
24	36	67	27	6	SL	8	11.8	2.54	3.7
36	60	69	21	10	SL	6.7	12.7	3.03	5.2
60	96	85	11	4	LS	5.9	5.18	1.91	17
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	52	34	14	L	6.9	43.2	0.72	1.3
0	6	52	35	13	L	7.1	22.8	1.03	3.3
6	12	46	40	14	L	9.9	20.9	2.03	5.1
12	24	63	27	10	SL	7.1	15.3	2.82	6.9
24	36	64	28	8	SL	6.4	15.8	2.36	4.9
36	60	70	22	8	SL	6.1	13.2	3.45	8.5
60	96	84	11	5	LS	5.6	13.5	2.43	9.6

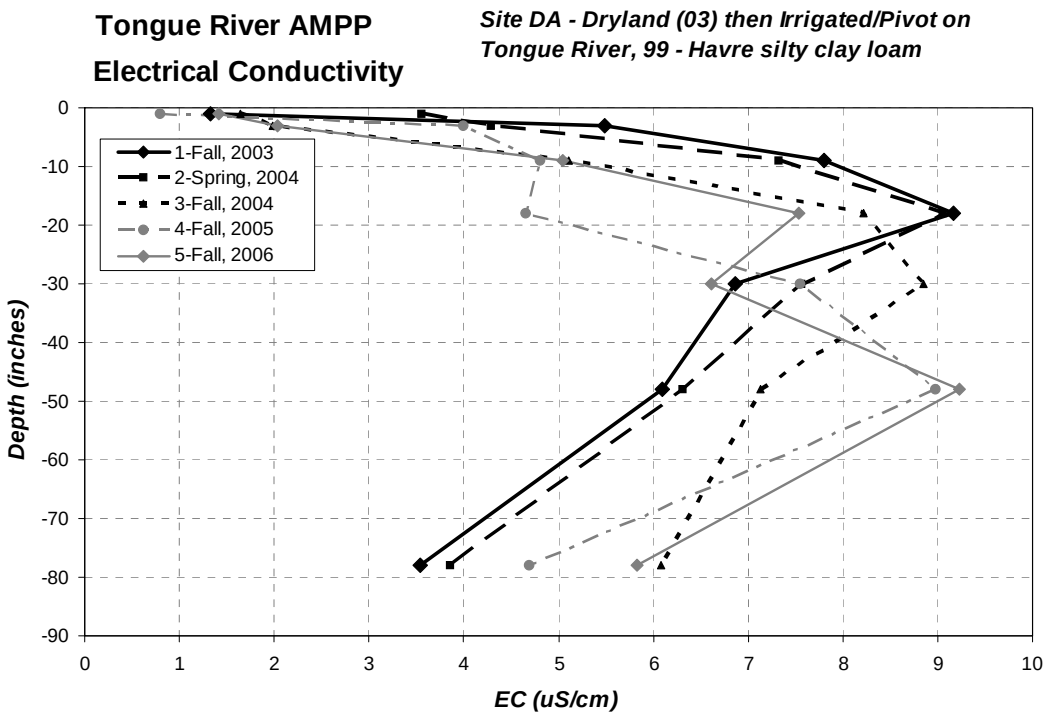

Figure 6-25. Trends in EC with depth for site DA.

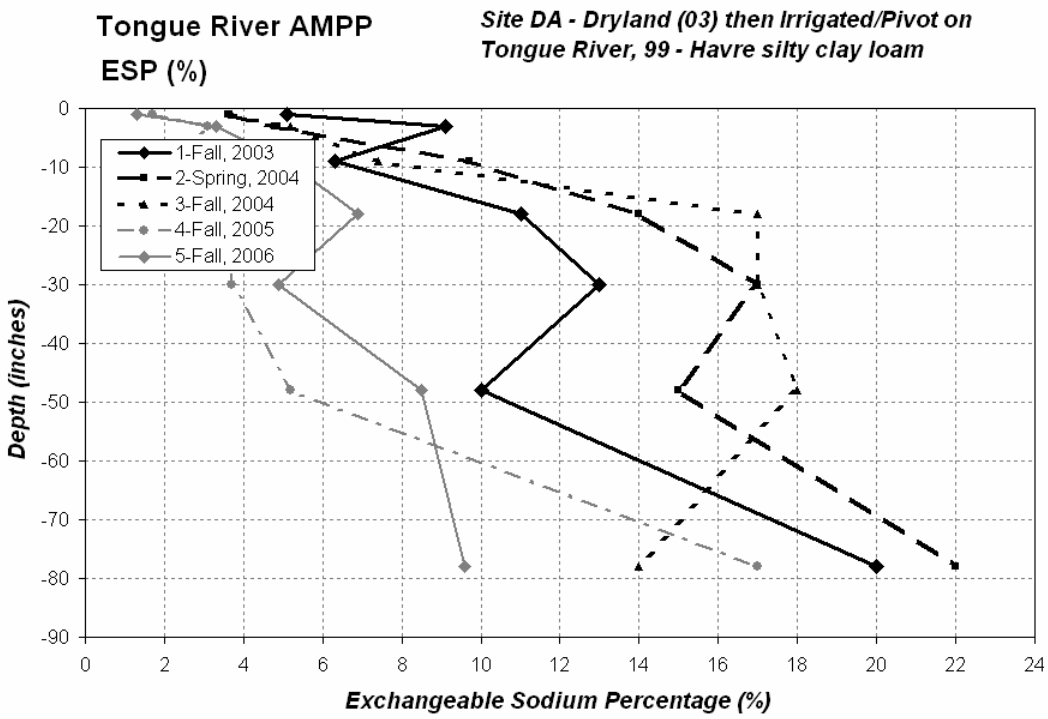

Figure 6-26. Trends in ESP with depth for site DA.

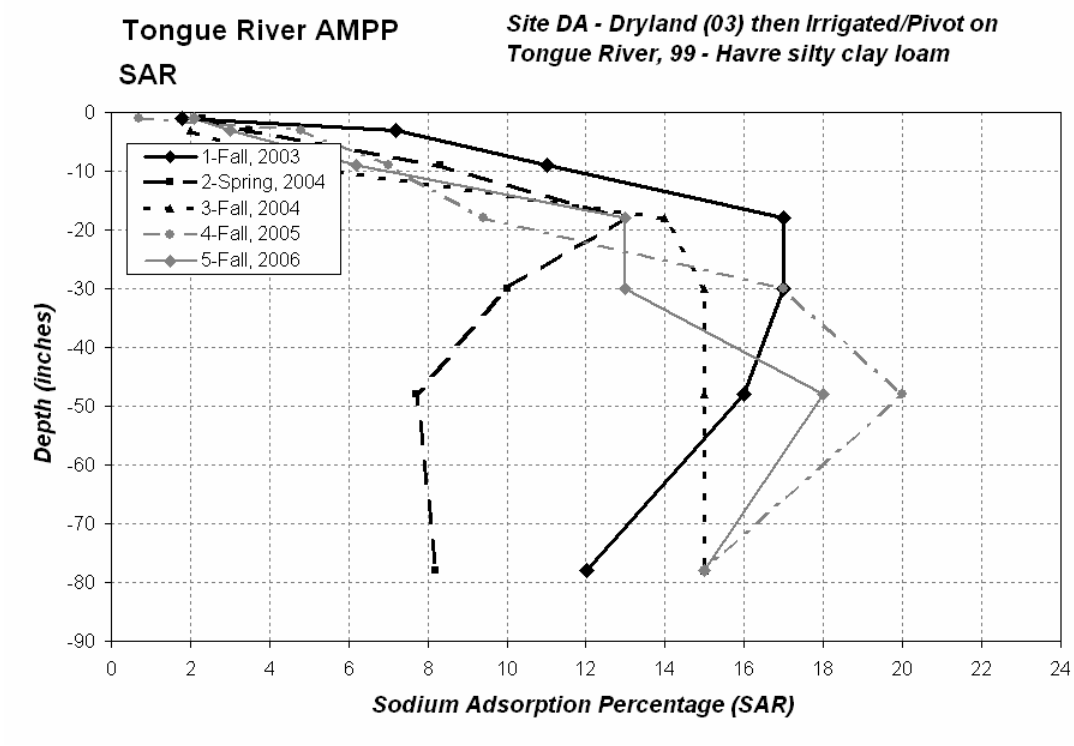

Figure 6-27. Trends in SAR with depth for site DA.

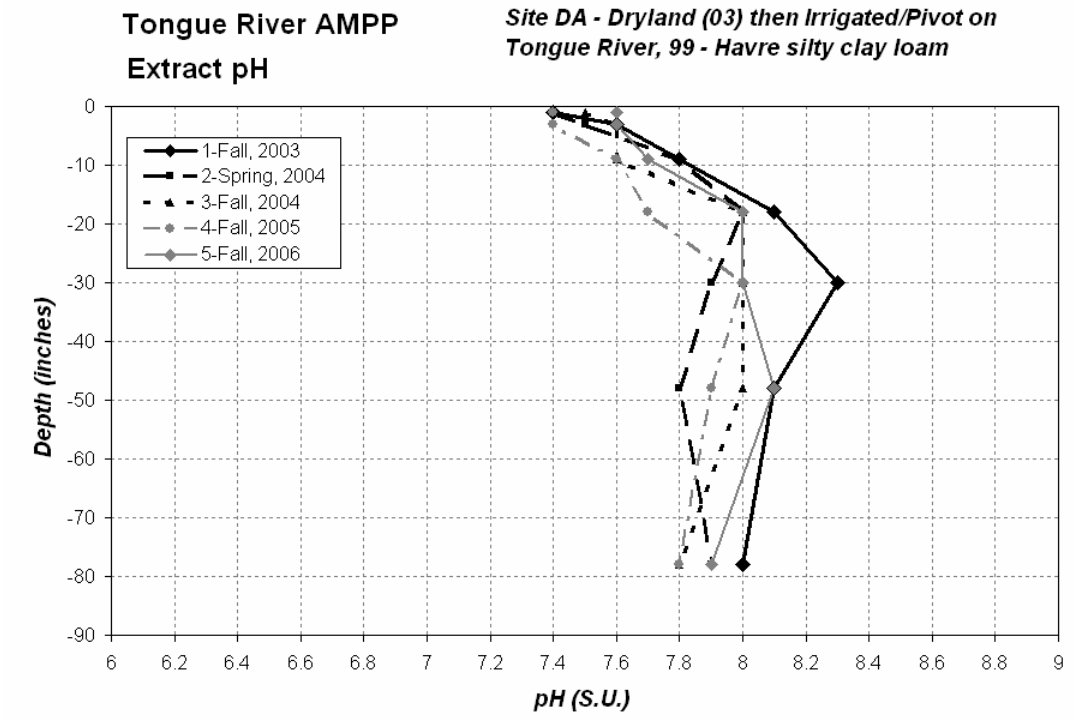

Figure 6-28. Trends in pH with depth for site DA.

6.1.8 Site DB

Site DB (Table 6-15 and 6-16) is located just north of site DA on somewhat more clay-rich soils. Site DB has been in alfalfa that yielded 3.4 to 4.5 tons per acre. The field is irrigated from a center pivot system applying from 15 to 26 inches per year.

EC at site DB (Figure 6-29), unlike site DA, increases only slightly from 1 dS/m near the surface to 2 to 3 dS/m at depth. EC near-surface did not vary appreciably between years, but increased in the subsoil in fall 2004 and later samples.

ESP, SAR and pH pattern with depth was similar to many irrigated AMPP sites (Figure 6-30 to 6-32), showing low levels near-surface and moderate increases with depth. ESP decreased markedly between 2004 and 2005.

Table 6-15. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site DB.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.3	0.77	63.7	3.5	2.4	2.3	1.4	6.8			
0	6	7.3	0.83	66.1	3.6	2.5	3.1	1.8	6			
6	12	7.6	0.83	51.2	2.7	1.7	4.3	2.9	4.2			
12	24	7.7	1.57	42.5	5	3.8	7.2	3.4	3.4			
24	36	7.8	1.51	36.7	4.4	3.9	6.6	3.2	2.8			
36	60	7.8	1.33	31.9	3.3	2.9	6.6	3.7	3.6			
60	96	7.9	1.57	32.6	3.5	4	7.8	4	2			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.3	1.15	49.7	6.71	4.51	2.18	0.9	4			2.26
0	6	7.4	1.39	49	7.13	4.79	3.24	1.3	8.8			0.99
6	12	7.7	0.9	49.1	3.68	2.38	4.26	2.4	4.6			0.42
12	24	7.8	1.64	39.9	6.09	4.37	6.81	3	3.8			0.42
24	36	7.7	1.33	33	5.95	4.26	4.42	2	2.8			0.56
36	60	7.8	0.78	31.2	2.57	1.98	3.98	2.6	3.2			0.85
60	96	7.9	1.81	29.4	4.08	4.3	9.14	4.5	2.8			0.28
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.2	0.99	63.4	4.5	3.14	3.04	1.6	7.8	ND	ND	
0	6	7.3	1.39	56.4	5.62	3.76	4.47	2.1	ND	ND	ND	
6	12	7.5	1.41	52.1	5.14	3.25	6.23	3	7.1	ND	ND	
12	24	7.7	1.55	37.1	3.86	2.75	7.44	4.1	3.7	ND	ND	
24	36	7.8	1.93	33.2	4.02	3.16	10.5	5.6	3.5	ND	ND	
36	60	7.7	2.69	31.9	7.33	6.35	12.4	4.8	2.7	ND	ND	
60	90	7.9	2.82	30	4.41	5.24	16.8	7.7	2.6	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7	0.84	62.4	5.14	3.33	1.85	0.9		7.06		
0	6	7.2	0.69	59	3.44	2.17	2.38	1.4		5.39		
6	12	7.6	0.92	48.6	3.86	2.34	5.36	3		5.19		
12	24	7.6	1.86	41	5.87	4.28	11	4.9		4.8		
24	36	7.6	2.05	38.4	6.28	5.36	10.7	4.4		3		
36	60	7.6	1.66	31.9	5	4.91	7.51	3.4		3.2		
60	96	7.7	2.63	31.9	6.31	7.12	16	6.2		2.4		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	6.8	0.97	66.4	4.89	3.17	2.27	1.1		7.71		0.04
0	6	7.3	0.8	56.9	3.27	2.09	2.44	1.5		4.66		0.13
6	12	7.5	1.09	52.4	3.81	2.4	3.94	2.2		3.45		0.21
12	24	7.6	1.82	39.6	5.99	4.38	7.25	3.2		3.24		0.07
24	36	7.5	2.28	33.8	8.39	6.43	9.04	3.3		2.57		0.54
36	60	7.6	2.66	29.7	7.11	6.96	11.4	4.3		2.03		0.46
60	96	7.9	3.14	30.2	5.02	6.48	20.3	8.5		2.97		0.31

Table 6-16. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site DB.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	17	43	40	SiC	3.8	38.1	1.1	2.4
0	6	21	42	37	CL	4.1	33.6	1.1	2.7
6	12	26	46	28	CL	5	25.5	1.4	4.7
12	24	36	46	18	L	7.8	17.6	1.5	7
24	36	44	42	14	L	7.7	13.7	1.3	8
36	60	56	34	10	SL	4.3	10.9	1.1	8.2
60	96	60	31	9	SL	6.7	11.6	1.1	7.4
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	24	47	29	CL	5.5	27.6	0.72	2.2
0	6	22	47	31	CL	4.8	30.2	0.78	2
6	12	19	53	28	SiCL	5.7	26.6	1.08	3.3
12	24	31	48	21	L	7.7	18.6	1.36	5.9
24	36	50	39	11	L	5.5	13.1	0.89	5.7
36	60	64	27	9	SL	7.1	7.59	0.68	7.3
60	96	65	28	7	SL	7	6.75	1.11	12
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	22	40	38	CL	4.8	28.5	0.85	2.3
0	6	20	44	36	SiCL	4.3	29.9	0.94	2.3
6	12	23	47	30	CL	5.5	26	1.23	3.5
12	24	40	44	16	L	7.6	15	1.34	7.1
24	36	49	39	12	L	7.6	11.3	1.34	8.8
36	60	60	29	11	SL	4.1	10.4	1.33	9
60	90	67	24	9	SL	7.1	9.73	1.74	13
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	22	43	35	CL	5.4	44	0.61	1.2
0	6	24	43	33	CL	5.1	39.4	0.75	1.5
6	12	26	46	28	CL	6	34.5	1.02	2.2
12	24	36	46	18	L	7.8	23.2	1.18	3.1
24	36	52	36	12	L	7.8	17.1	0.98	3.3
36	60	65	26	9	SL	7.5	13	0.78	4.2
60	96	67	25	8	SL	7.2	12	1.11	5
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	27	38	35	CL	4	46.7	0.87	1.5
0	6	27	42	31	CL	4.6	38.5	0.89	1.9
6	12	22	49	29	CL	4.7	27.2	1.2	3.6
12	24	41	38	21	L	7.7	23	1.04	3.3
24	36	51	39	10	L	7.5	23.7	1.03	3
36	60	64	30	6	SL	6.6	18.1	1.07	4
60	96	65	30	5	SL	6.2	15.8	1.69	6.8

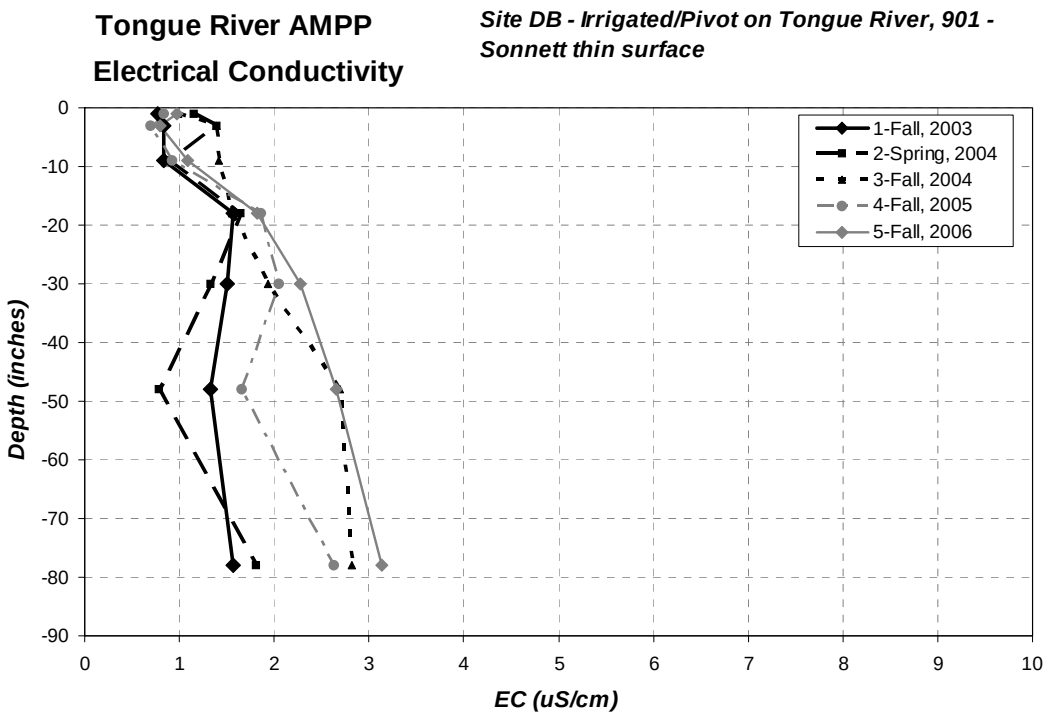

Figure 6-29. Trends in EC with depth for site DB.

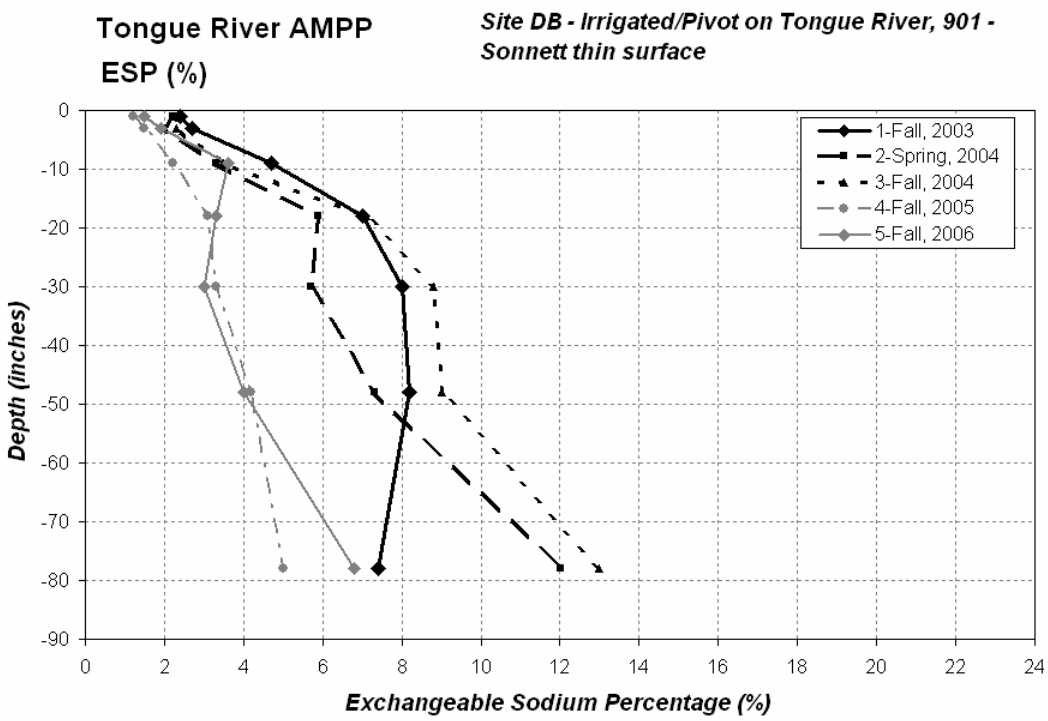

Figure 6-30. Trends in ESP with depth for site DB.

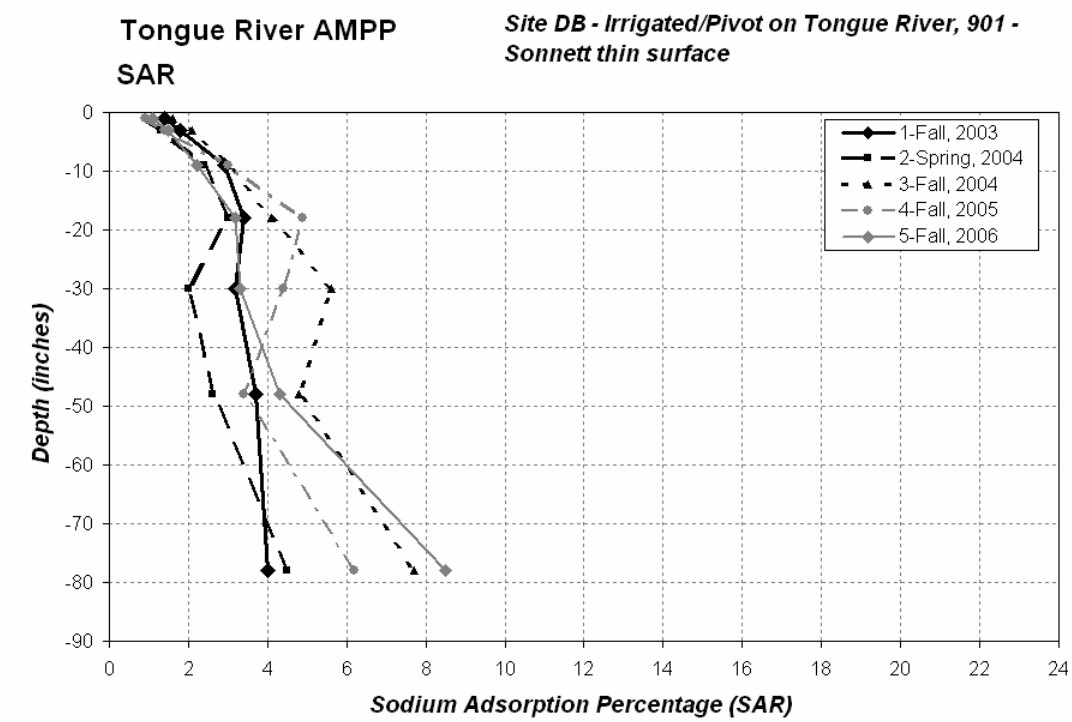

Figure 6-31. Trends in SAR with depth for site DB.

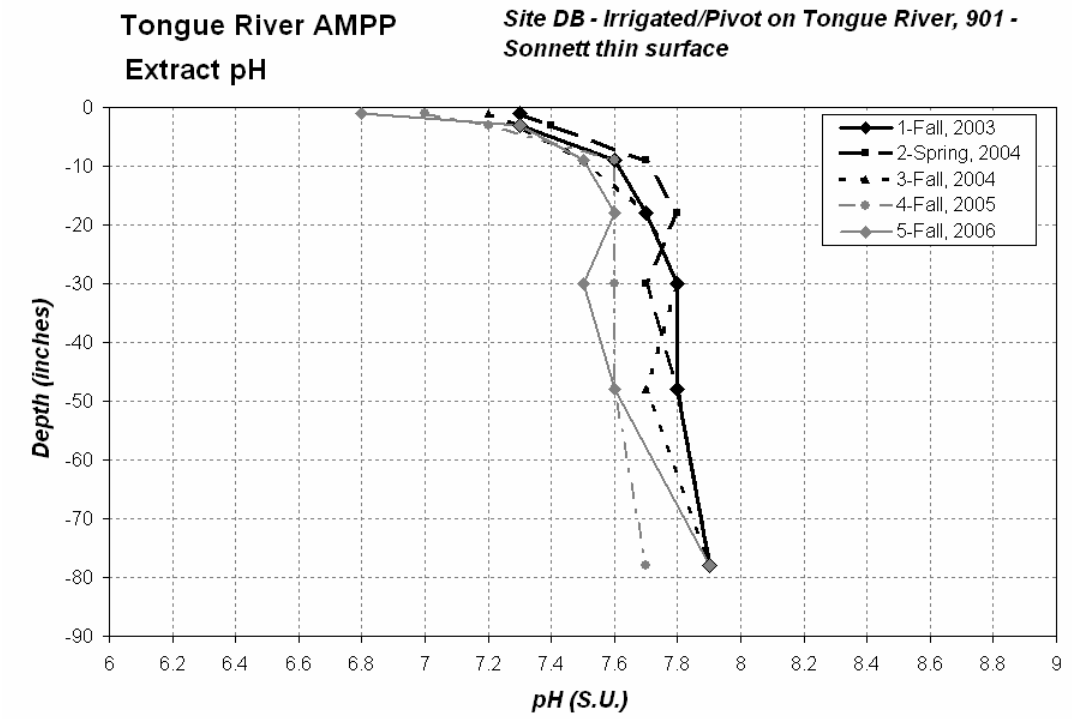

Figure 6-32. Trends in pH with depth for site DB.

6.1.9 Site BA

Site BA (Table 6-17 and 6-18) borders the Tongue River and is flood irrigated with water from the T&Y Canal just below Pumpkin Creek. The field was in continuous corn from 2003 to 2005 with yields ranging from 19 to 28 tons per acre. Corn yield was 19 tons per acre in 2004 due to the late freeze on May 12 which resulted in only two-thirds of a stand at harvest time. The field was planted to spring wheat in 2006, which yielded 55 bushels/acre. Applied irrigation water varied from 20 to 25 inches per year, except 2006 when it was reduced to 12 inches.

Use of ample irrigation water has maintained relatively low EC levels throughout the soil profile at site BA (Figure 6-33). The field, which is located on a bench above the Tongue River, appears to be well-drained, accounting for the low EC levels in the 3 to 8 foot zone.

ESP and SAR at site BA are also low, reflecting the irrigation management and good drainage conditions (Figures 6-34 to 6-36). Like many other fields, ESP decreased between 2004 and 2005 and remained low in 2006.

Table 6-17. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site BA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.5	2.56	48.5	13.8	6.3	3.1	1	5.2			
0	6	7.7	1	48.6	4.2	2.4	2.8	1.5	4			
6	12	7.7	1.34	49.4	5.3	3.7	3.8	1.8	3.2			
12	24	7.6	1.7	45.8	5.6	4.7	5.3	2.4	3.2			
24	36	7.6	2.4	38.7	9.3	7.7	7.4	2.5	2.8			
36	60	7.8	1.46	40.4	4.3	3.6	6.1	3.1	3.2			
60	96	7.9	1.35	28.6	3.3	2.6	6.4	3.7	3.6			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.6	0.89	53.4	5.77	2.86	1.63	0.8	5.8			0.85
0	6	7.6	0.91	50.6	5.54	2.75	2.07	1	5			0.85
6	12	7.7	1.09	50.4	5.89	3.52	2.99	1.4	4			1.83
12	24	7.7	1.61	43.4	6.82	5.47	4.94	2	4			0.71
24	36	7.7	1.86	40.5	7.32	5.94	5.24	2	2.8			1.27
36	60	7.8	1.61	34.2	5.89	4.67	5.5	2.4	3			0.85
60	96	7.8	1.07	27.3	3.22	2.32	4.87	2.9	6			0.14
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.3	3.13	48.4	15.4	7.97	4.09	1.2	5.2	ND	ND	
0	6	7.5	1.33	47.7	5.55	2.86	3.24	1.6	ND	ND	ND	
6	12	7.6	1.12	46.8	4.73	2.85	3.7	1.9	ND	ND	ND	
12	24	7.6	1.75	42	5.97	4.61	6.32	2.8	ND	ND	ND	
24	36	7.7	1.76	36.8	5.36	4.32	6.72	3	2.6	ND	ND	
36	60	7.7	1.51	36.2	4.71	3.6	5.46	2.7	2.5	ND	ND	
60	90	7.6	1.35	28.4	4.95	3.2	4.79	2.4	2.5	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.5	0.66	47.6	4.43	2.19	1.31	0.72		5.06		
0	6	7.5	0.66	47.9	3.93	1.92	1.87	1.1		4.4		
6	12	7.6	0.92	44.1	5.03	2.83	2.94	1.5		4.2		
12	24	7.5	2.48	41.7	9.95	8.1	7.67	2.6		2.13		
24	36	7.6	2.1	34.3	7.47	5.96	8.6	3.3		2.4		
36	60	7.6	1.59	38.6	5.79	4.18	6.5	2.9		2.26		
60	96	7.6	0.89	27.7	3.33	2.32	4.76	2.8		2.2		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.4	0.76	48.1	3.6	1.84	1.85	1.1		4.87		0.18
0	6	7.5	0.96	48.8	4.41	2.2	2.37	1.3		5.68		0.1
6	12	7.5	1	46.1	4.8	2.57	2.71	1.4		3.65		0.21
12	24	7.6	0.85	40.7	3.23	2.13	2.98	1.8		3.24		0.43
24	36	7.5	1.88	36.4	6.69	5.2	5.44	2.2		2.13		0.22
36	60	7.6	1.99	35.8	6.46	5.34	6.33	2.6		2.03		0.44
60	96	7.6	0.99	28.3	2.99	2.05	3.84	2.4		2.33		0.4

Table 6-18. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site BA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	18	58	24	SiL	6.1	29.2	0.6	1.7
0	6	10	66	24	SiL	6.3	30	0.8	2.2
6	12	18	58	24	SiL	6.7	29.4	1	2.6
12	24	18	61	21	SiL	6.6	25.6	1.1	3.2
24	36	42	44	14	L	5.8	12.5	1.1	6.2
36	60	36	48	16	L	6.3	14.5	1.3	7.4
60	96	69	23	8	SL	5.5	13.3	0.9	5.2
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	19	54	27	SiCL	5.4	23.3	0.45	1.6
0	6	18	55	27	SiCL	5.4	23.1	0.49	1.7
6	12	16	59	25	SiL	5.9	21.5	0.7	2.6
12	24	27	52	21	SiL	6.1	19	0.62	2.1
24	36	38	44	18	L	5.5	16.7	0.93	4.3
36	60	47	39	14	L	5.8	14.1	0.82	4.4
60	96	72	20	8	SL	5.4	9.57	0.72	6.2
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	24	52	24	SiL	5.6	21.7	0.7	2.3
0	6	22	55	23	SiL	5.8	21.4	0.69	2.5
6	12	23	55	22	SiL	6.2	20.8	0.77	2.9
12	24	29	52	19	SiL	6.5	16.6	1.08	4.9
24	36	45	41	14	L	5.8	13.4	1.02	5.7
36	60	44	42	14	L	6.3	12.3	0.84	5.2
60	90	68	23	9	SL	5.2	8.87	0.74	6.8
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	24	52	24	SiL	6	27.4	0.51	1.6
0	6	25	53	22	SiL	6.2	27.9	0.52	1.5
6	12	27	53	20	SiL	6.4	23	0.64	2.2
12	24	31	51	18	SiL	6.8	21.6	0.93	2.8
24	36	53	35	12	SL	5.9	15.9	0.89	3.7
36	60	47	41	12	L	6.2	20.5	0.85	2.9
60	96	74	20	6	SL	5.8	16.8	0.68	3.3
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	26	52	22	SiL	5.4	27.3	0.58	1.8
0	6	23	54	23	SiL	5.3	27.6	0.65	1.9
6	12	26	53	21	SiL	6	26.6	0.68	2.1
12	24	28	53	19	SiL	5.8	23.8	0.7	2.4
24	36	48	39	13	L	5.5	17	0.83	3.7
36	60	50	39	11	L	5.2	14.8	0.87	4.3
60	96	72	21	7	SL	4.3	9.62	0.55	4.6

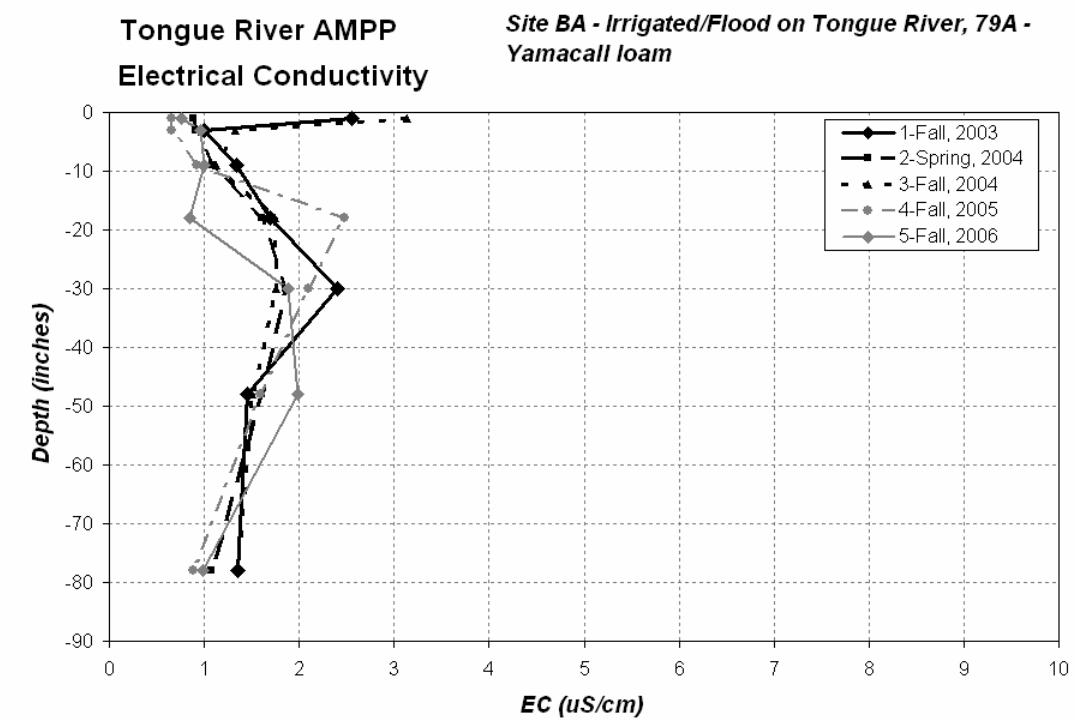

Figure 6-33. Trends in EC with depth for site BA.

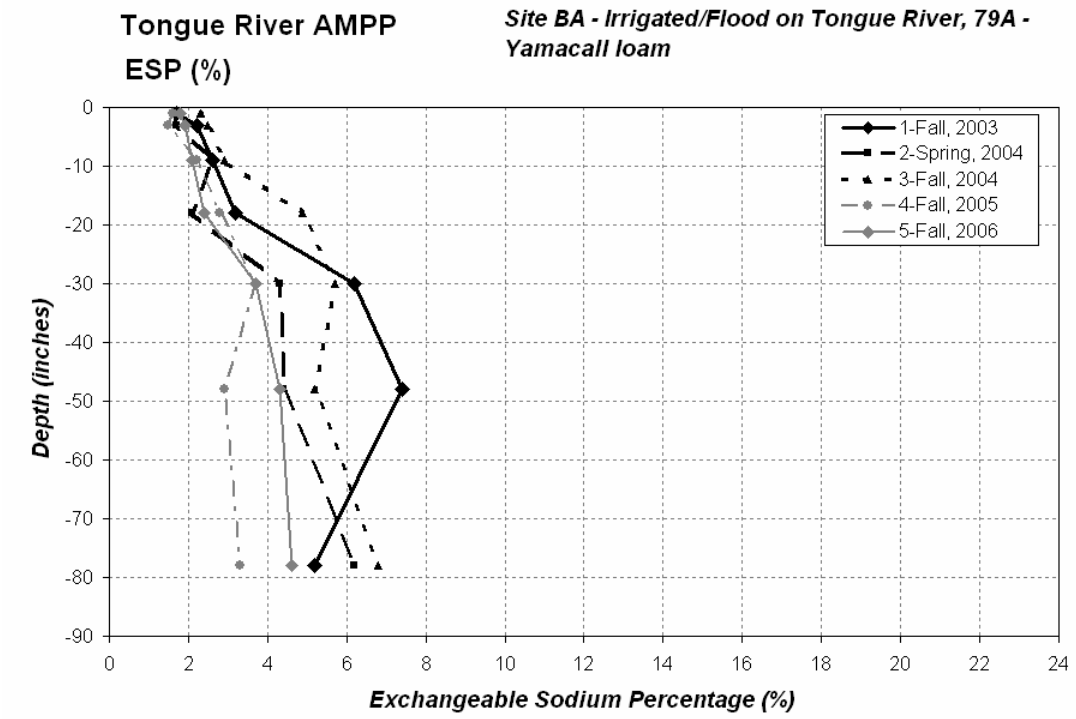

Figure 6-34. Trends in ESP with depth for site BA.

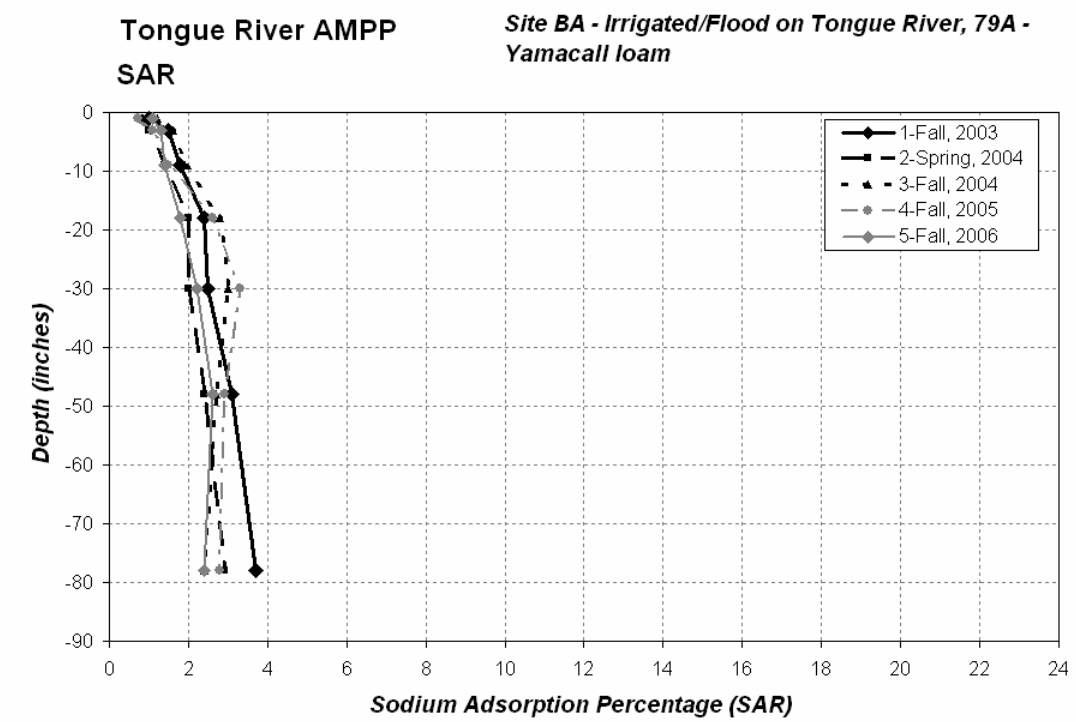

Figure 6-35 Trends in SAR with depth for site BA.

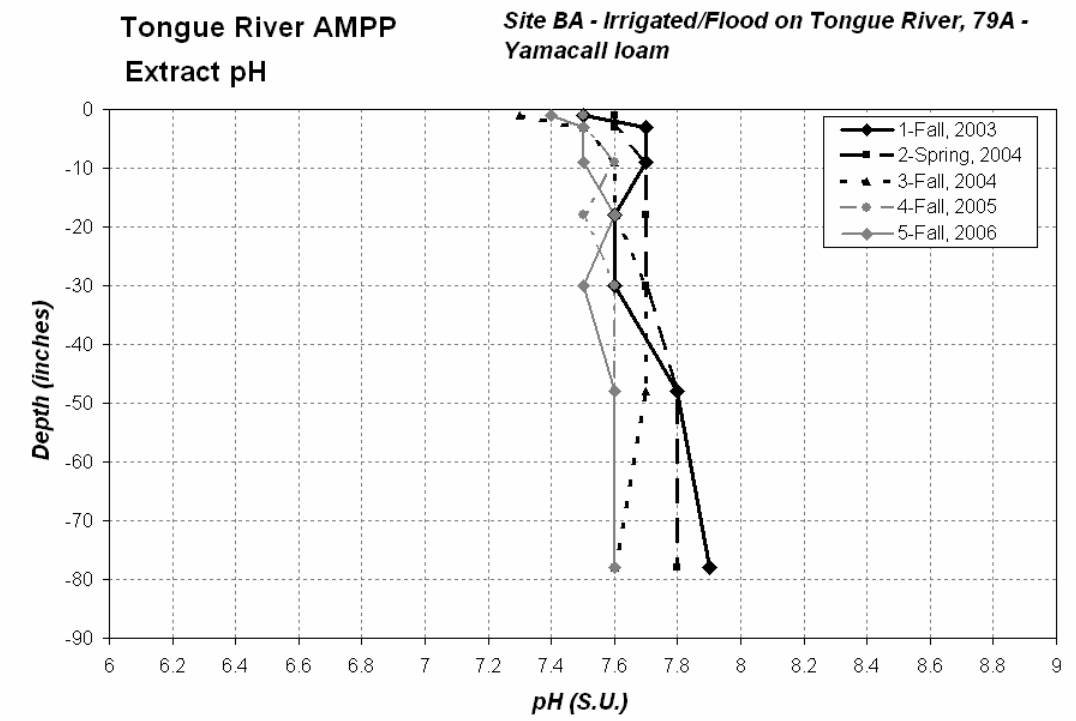

Figure 6-36. Trends in pH with depth for site BA.

6.1.10 Site BC

Site BC (Table 6-19 and 6-20) is an older stand of alfalfa/grass that is flood irrigated with Tongue River water obtained from the T&Y Canal. Site BC soils were the highest in clay content of any AMPP fields. Yields were 3.7, 2.7, 1.7, and 1.6 tons per acre in 2003 through 2006 and applied irrigation water was 18, 15, and 12 inches, in 2003 to 2005. The field was not irrigated in 2006.

EC (Figure 6-37) increased from around 1 dS/m in the upper 18 inches to around 7 dS/m below 3 feet in depth. The soil is probably poorly drained judging from the elevated salinity and its location in the lower Tongue River floodplain. SAR and pH (Figures 6-37 to 6-40) were typical of AMPP soils showing no change through time, although ESP appeared to increase from 2003 to 2004, then decrease again in 2005.

Table 6-19. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site BC.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.5	1.05	53	3.4	2.8	2.5	1.4	7.8			
0	6	7.5	0.82	53.3	2.8	2.2	2.6	1.6	6.4			
6	12	7.7	0.82	53.3	2.2	1.9	3.4	2.4	5.6			
12	24	7.8	1.63	155	4.1	3.6	8.1	4.2	4.4			
24	36	7.8	6	61.9	19.4	16.4	24.7	5.8	2.8			
36	60	7.8	6.9	66.1	19.9	15	34.3	8.2	2.8			
60	96	7.8	6.98	49.6	20	13.9	33.8	8.2	3.3			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.5	0.94	52.8	4.11	2.79	3.19	1.7	7.6			1.55
0	6	7.6	0.93	50.2	5.09	3.61	3.37	1.6	5.6			0.71
6	12	7.7	0.91	51.2	3.53	2.79	4.35	2.4	6			0.42
12	24	7.9	1.4	54.1	3.5	3.17	6.78	3.7	4			0.14
24	36	7.8	5.41	59.8	25.9	20.7	25.3	5.2	2			0.42
36	60	7.9	5.99	59.4	23.7	16.8	32.9	7.3	2.2			0.85
60	96	7.9	6.76	50.1	29	20.6	36.8	7.4	2.6			0.85
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.3	1.6	61.2	6.72	5.4	3.94	1.6	10.8	ND	ND	
0	6	7.4	1.4	54.8	5.62	3.95	4.46	2	5.8	ND	ND	
6	12	7.7	2.34	56.9	6.7	5.4	10.7	4.4	3.9	ND	ND	
12	24	7.7	3.12	59.8	11	9.22	14.7	4.6	ND	ND	ND	
24	36	7.8	6.64	65.9	23.8	18	41.8	9.1	3.2	ND	ND	
36	60	7.8	6.98	73.7	22.3	15.8	48.5	11	2.3	ND	ND	
60	90	7.8	6.01	65.9	22.2	13.4	38.6	9.2	2.2	ND	ND	
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.2	1.31	58.3	6.78	4.86	2.04	0.85		9.46		
0	6	7.3	0.92	55.1	5.38	3.7	2.77	1.3		5.33		
6	12	7.6	0.81	51.4	3.31	2.47	4.65	2.7		5.46		
12	24	7.8	1.96	53.3	5.7	4.82	11.4	5		3.33		
24	36	7.6	6.15	54.9	27	20	32.1	6.6		2.26		
36	60	7.8	7.02	64.3	23	17.3	48.6	11		2		
60	96	7.7	6.53	51.8	24.7	15.6	43.7	9.7		2.2		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.3	1.11	61	5.8	4.16	1.85	0.83		9.13		0.05
0	6	7.1	0.91	55	4.2	3	2.22	1.2		6.49		0.08
6	12	7.5	0.99	47.4	3.27	2.41	3.95	2.3		4.36		0.09
12	24	7.6	3.29	56.8	11.4	9.75	13.2	4		2.33		0.16
24	36	7.7	4.16	57	15.1	12	22.5	6.1		3.65		0.63
36	60	7.8	5.68	60.1	19.4	14.6	39	9.4		2.03		1.02
60	96	7.8	5.08	49.4	19.5	12.1	35.2	8.8		1.62		0.9

Table 6-20. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site BC.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	18	51	31	SiCL	9.7	41.8	0.7	1.4
0	6	17	51	32	SiCL	9.6	41.1	0.8	1.7
6	12	13	51	36	SiCL	9.7	45	1.1	2
12	24	8	48	44	SiC	9.4	50.8	2.1	1.6
24	36	4	48	48	SiC	8.9	43.7	3.2	3.9
36	60	5	49	46	SiC	9.4	39.1	4.1	4.8
60	96	23	45	32	CL	10.2	30.3	3.2	5
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	19	48	33	SiCL	6.6	28.8	0.71	1.9
0	6	16	48	36	SiCL	6.6	27.2	0.86	2.5
6	12	13	51	36	SiCL	6.7	30.9	1.06	2.7
12	24	8	49	43	SiC	4.2	31.1	2.07	5.5
24	36	5	49	46	SiC	6	31.3	3.43	6.1
36	60	8	50	42	SiC	6.8	26.4	5.32	13
60	96	25	44	31	CL	7.3	21.6	3.39	7.2
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	21	50	29	CL	7	26.6	0.91	2.5
0	6	17	68	15	SiL	7.1	27.1	1.04	2.9
6	12	16	50	34	SiCL	7.2	26.5	1.88	4.8
12	24	9	56	35	SiCL	6.5	28.4	2.44	5.5
24	36	7	50	43	SiC	6.5	31.5	5.8	9.7
36	60	3	49	48	SiC	6.5	28.7	7.29	13
60	90	13	42	45	SiC	7	24.8	5.4	12
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	19	49	32	SiCL	7.1	39.4	0.53	1
0	6	18	50	32	SiCL	7.4	37.9	0.68	1.4
6	12	17	52	31	SiCL	7.6	35.5	1.01	2.2
12	24	13	47	40	SiC	7.4	40.2	1.98	3.4
24	36	7	47	46	SiC	6.5	31.2	3.35	5.1
36	60	5	52	43	SiC	4.8	36.3	5.59	6.8
60	96	19	48	33	SiCL	7.9	28.2	3.98	6.1

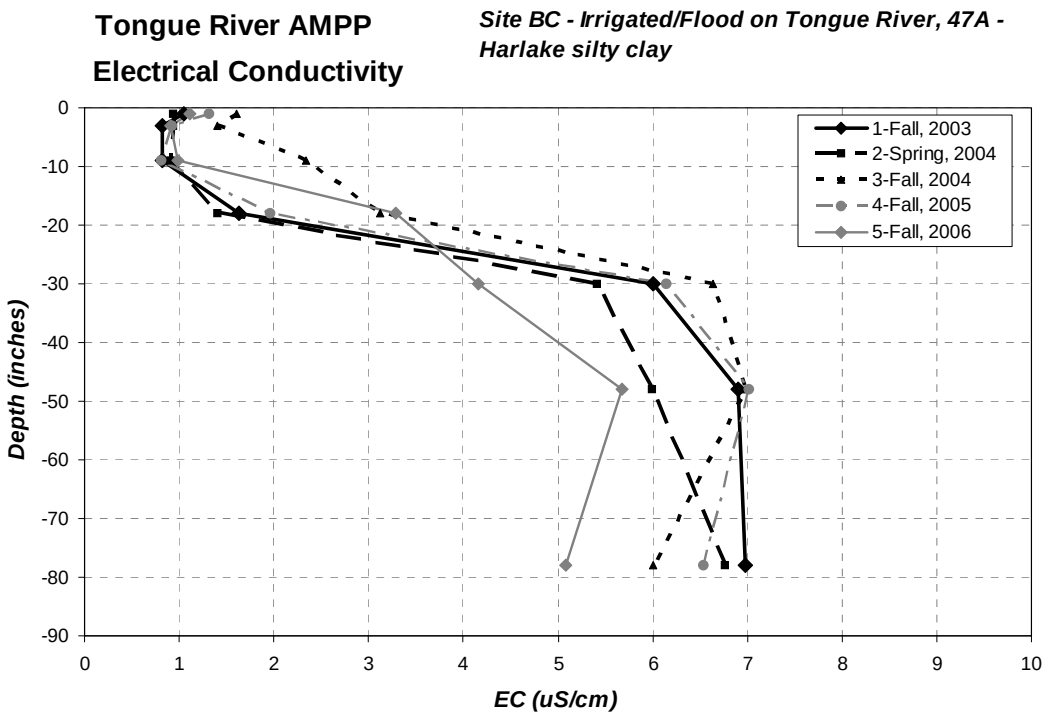

Figure 6-37. Trends in EC with depth for site BC.

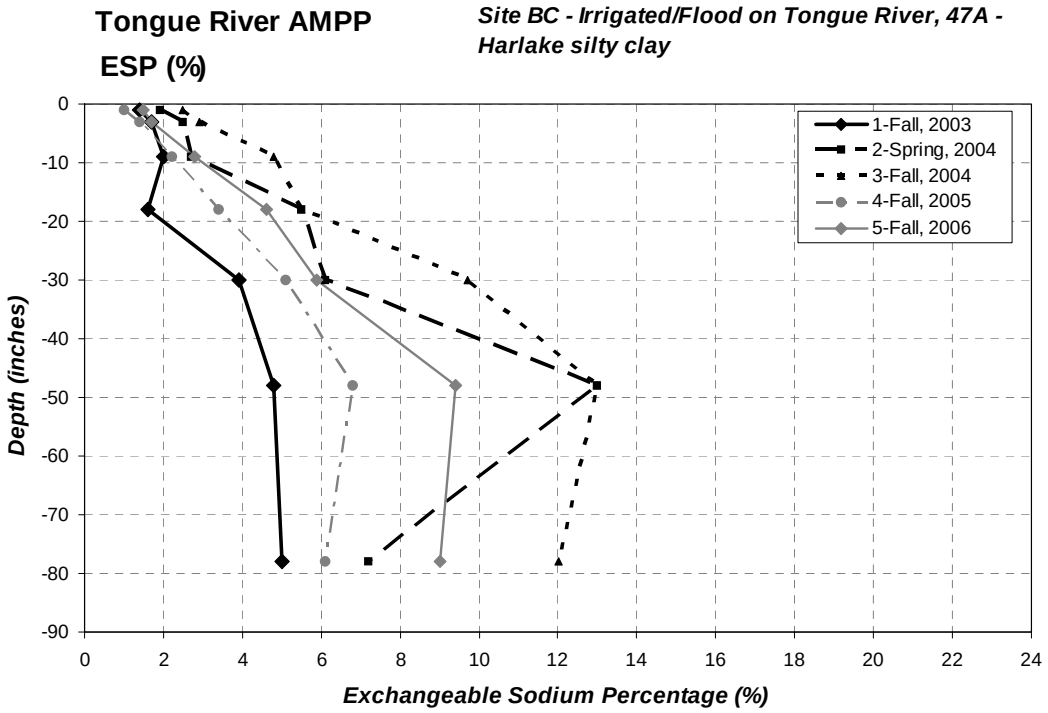

Figure 6-38. Trends in ESP with depth for site BC.

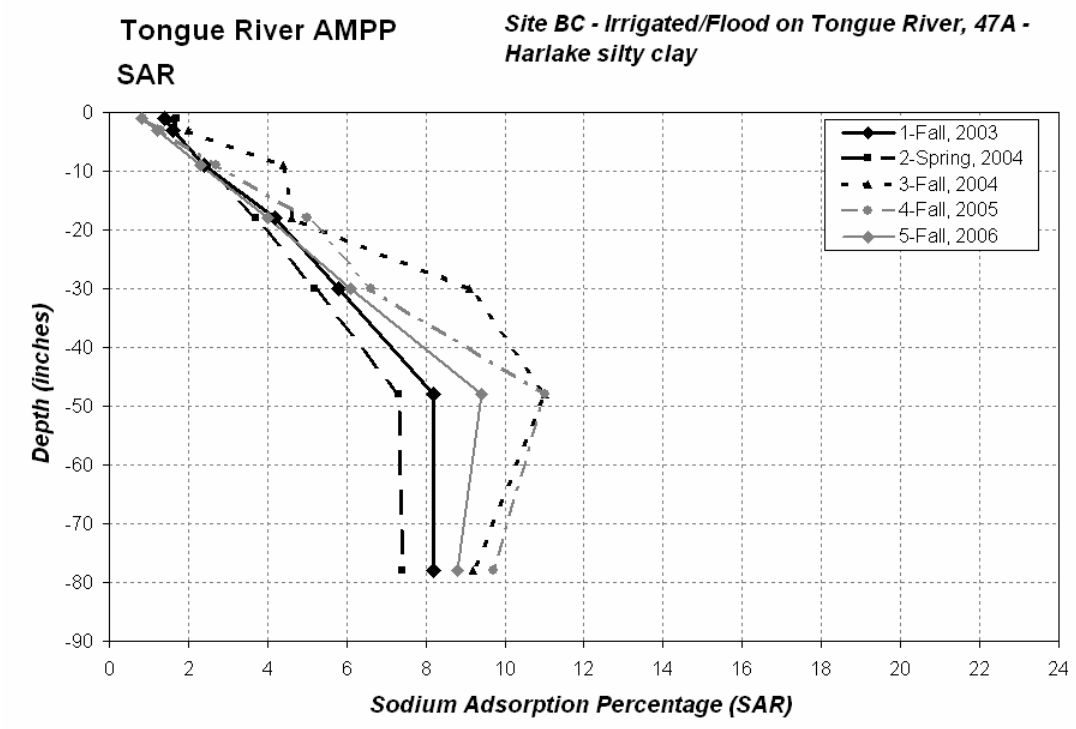

Figure 6-39. Trends in SAR with depth for site BC.

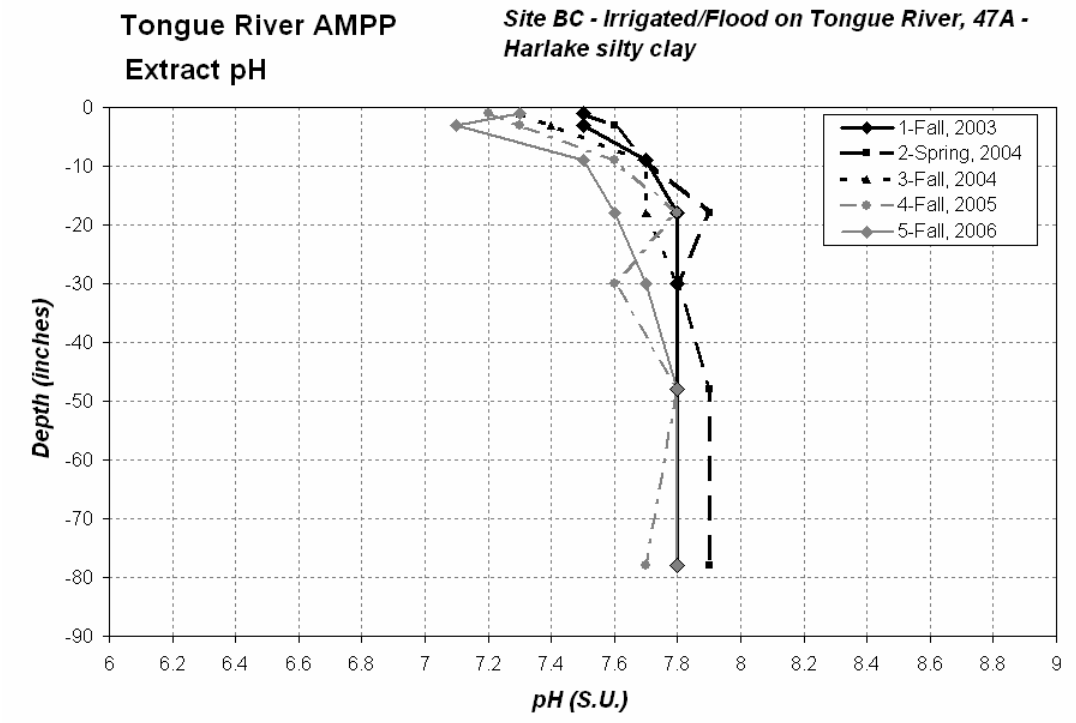

Figure 6-40. Trends in pH with depth for site BC.

6.1.11 Site BD

Site BD (Table 6-21 and 6-22) is a dryland field located across the Tongue River from site BC that was sampled in 2003 to identify differences in salinity between irrigated and dryland soils. This site had the same soil mapping unit as BC and YBA at Fort Keogh. The area had spreader dikes installed.

Soil EC (Figure 6-41) ranged from 1 to 3 dS/m at 12 and 36 inches, respectively. ESP (Figure 6-42) increased from 1 near-surface to around 6 % at depth, while SAR (Figure 6-43) varied from 0.5 to 7 across the same depth intervals. Soil pH (Figure 6-44) ranged from 7.1 to 8.1, similar to most AMPP soils. This dryland soil had slightly lower EC and sodium levels than its irrigated counterpart indicating that the irrigated soil does not have adequate drainage or is not provided with enough irrigation water to induce leaching for salinity control.

Table 6-21. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site BD.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.1	0.88	77.2	3.8	1.8	0.8	0.5	7.2			
0	6	7.2	0.83	67.3	4.1	2.1	1.1	0.6	7			
6	12	7.6	0.73	60.7	2.8	1.6	1.3	0.8	5.5			
12	24	7.7	2.86	60.4	7.5	6.8	7	2.6	4.4			
24	36	7.8	3.65	60.3	11.1	11.5	14.3	4.3	3.6			
36	60	8	3.24	47	10	10.6	16	5	2.9			
60	96	8.1	2.68	41.2	3.1	5.7	14.4	6.9	3.2			

Table 6-22. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site BD.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	18	52	30	SiCL	4.4	54.5	0.7	1.1
0	6	17	54	29	SiCL	5.3	40.7	0.6	1.2
6	12	5	62	33	SiCL	7.3	35.9	0.6	1.5
12	24	7	64	29	SiCL	8	34.6	1.4	2.9
24	36	12	63	25	SiL	8.4	31.9	2.1	4
36	60	20	58	22	SiL	8.1	27.2	2.2	4.6
60	96	51	36	13	L	6.9	18.7	1.8	6.3

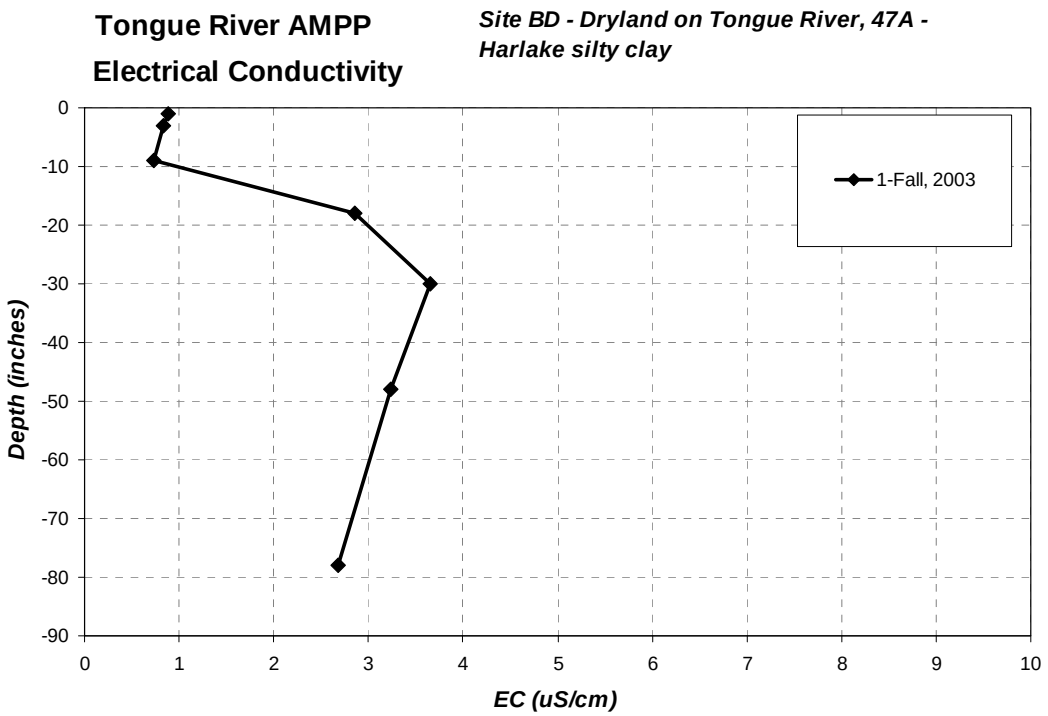

Figure 6-41. Trends in EC with depth for site BD.

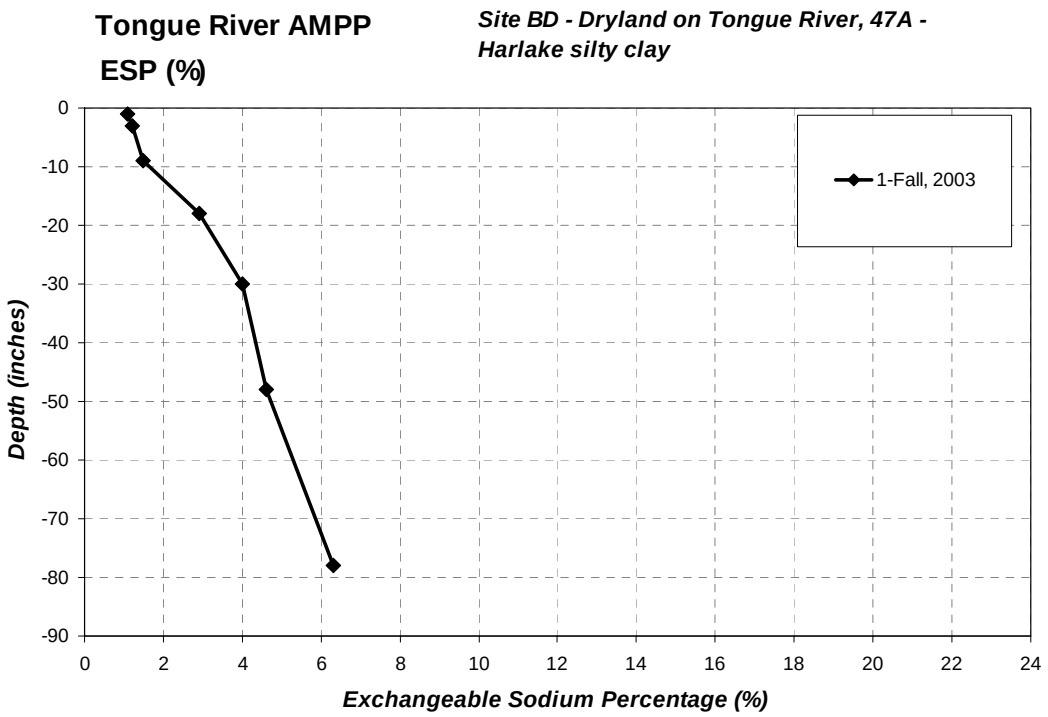

Figure 6-42. Trends in ESP with depth for site BD.

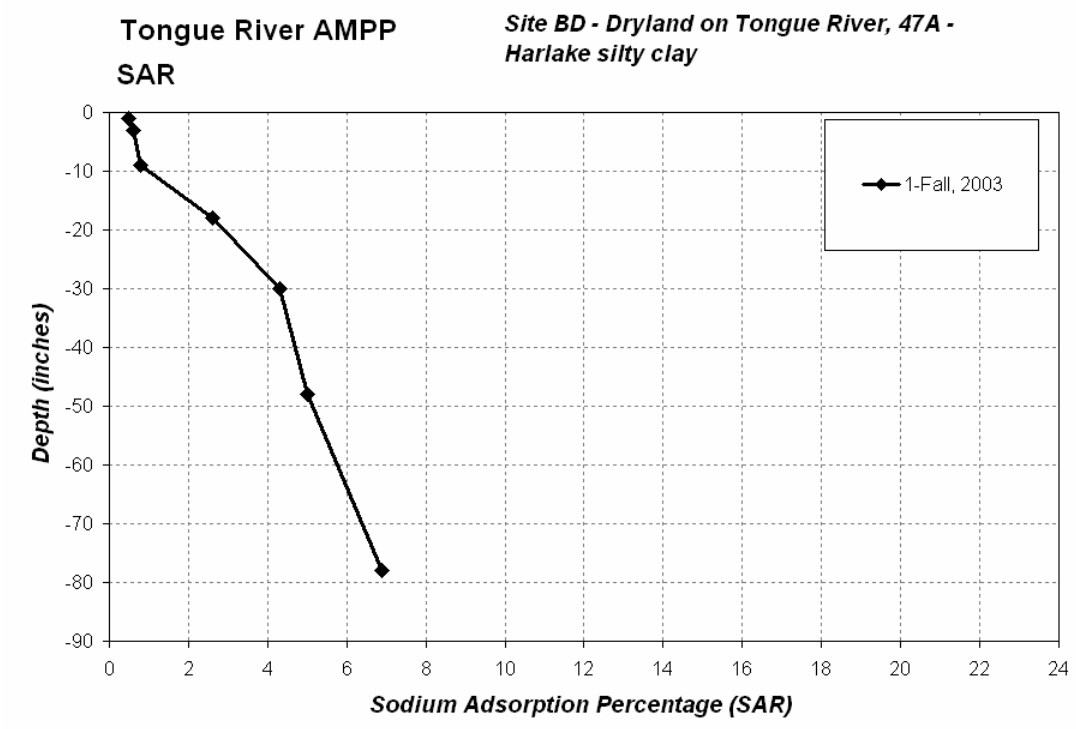

Figure 6- 43. Trends in SAR with depth for site BD.

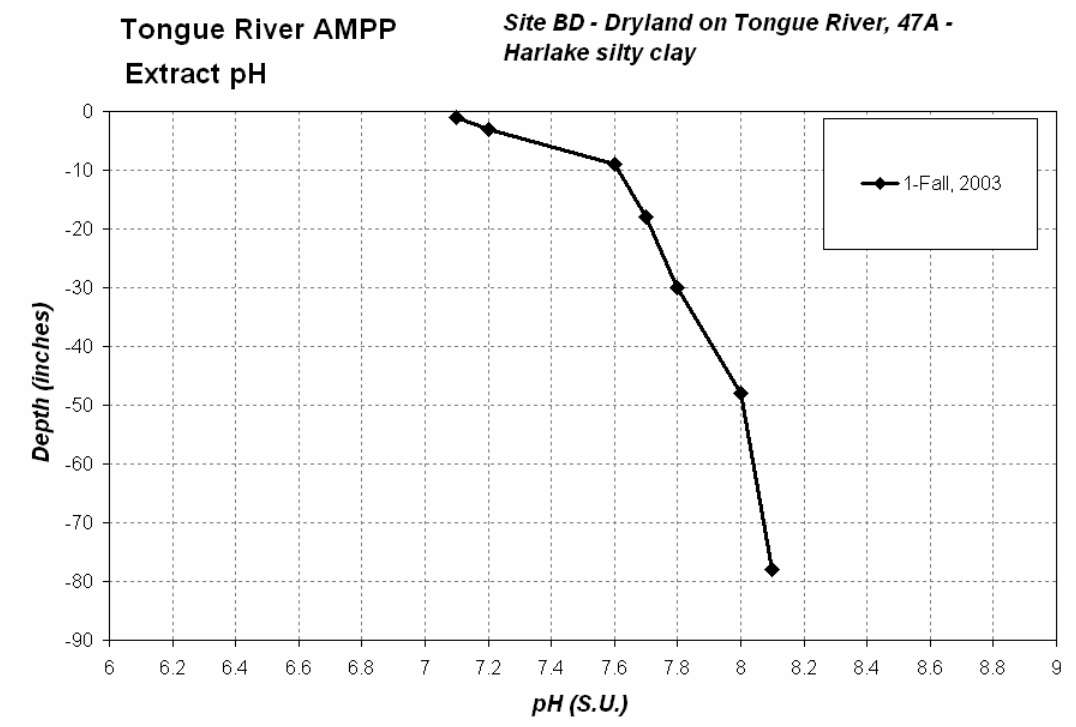

Figure 6-44. Trends in pH with depth for site BD.

6.1.12 Site YAA

Site YAA (Table 6-23 and 6-24) is a flood-irrigated alfalfa field located in the T&Y Irrigation District on a terrace of the Yellowstone River about 8 miles downstream of the confluence of the Tongue River with the Yellowstone River. Alfalfa yields were 2.0, 5.0, 3.4, and 4.6 tons per acre in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively, while applied irrigation water ranged from 12 to 18 inches per year.

Soil EC (Figure 6-45) increased in a linear fashion from 1 dS/m near-surface to around 5 to 6 dS/m in the 5 to 8 foot zone. Water obtained at 6 feet below the surface from a shallow borehole had an EC of 6 to 9.6 dS/m and a SAR of 17 to 21. ESP appeared to increase during drought years in 2003 and 2004, and then decreased in 2005 and 2006, similar to the pattern for other AMPP sites (Figure 6-46). SAR and pH (Figures 6-47 and 6-48) did not change appreciably through time.

Table 6-23. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site YAA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.6	1	53.9	4.8	3.2	2.6	1.3	7			
0	6	7.6	1.22	56.2	5.5	3.9	3.7	1.7	5.4			
6	12	7.7	1.1	49.4	4.1	3.3	4	2.1	4.8			
12	24	7.7	1.53	55.4	5.1	4.7	6.4	2.9	4.2			
24	36	7.7	2.15	51.7	5.5	4.7	11	4.9	4.2			
36	60	7.9	2.73	50.7	6	5.1	15.9	6.8	4			
60	96	7.8	4.83	52.5	13	9.9	29.3	8.7	3.6			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.6	0.92	49	4.14	2.85	2.43	1.3	7.2			0.85
0	6	7.6	0.92	51.6	4.14	2.77	2.72	1.5	8			0.71
6	12	7.7	0.68	51.5	3.01	2.14	2.81	1.8	4.8			0.56
12	24	7.8	1.73	49.1	6.55	6.16	7.06	2.8	1.2			0.28
24	36	7.9	2.37	49	5.12	4.35	13	6	4.6			0.28
36	60	8	4.08	56.2	7.46	5.99	26.4	10	3.4			0.42
60	96	7.8	6.88	51.1	20.9	14.3	47.7	11	3.2			0.71
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.5	1.08	57.3	5.45	4.04	3.88	1.8	8.2			
0	6	7.5	1.35	53.8	5.93	4.11	4.36	2	ND	ND	ND	
6	12	7.6	1.41	51.6	5.38	4.12	5.03	2.3	ND	ND	ND	
12	24	7.7	2.45	51.2	7.82	7.09	11.3	4.1	ND	ND	ND	
24	36	7.9	2.92	52.1	5.17	4.54	19.1	8.7	ND	ND	ND	
36	60	7.9	4.41	51.9	8.11	6.53	30.9	11	ND	ND	ND	
60	90	7.9	4.83	48.6	9.64	7.58	32.8	11	3.2			
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7	1.35	63.1	2.88	2.09	1.04	0.95		10.8		
0	6	7.5	0.78	57.4	4.83	3.4	2.26	1.1		8.67		
6	12	7.7	0.95	49.6	4.69	3.69	3.87	1.9		4.77		
12	24	7.8	2.24	50	7.48	7.65	10.6	3.9		5.2		
24	36	7.8	2.25	49.8	5.19	5.05	16.5	7.3		4.77		
36	60	7.8	3.24	48.9	7.8	6.97	25.4	9.3		4.55		
60	96	7.8	4.48	46.6	11.4	9.13	33.9	11		3.32		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.4	0.78	53.4	3.77	2.48	1.47	0.83		5.68		0.38
0	6	7.4	0.79	51.8	3.79	2.45	1.77	1		5.48		0.1
6	12	7.5	0.98	52.6	4.29	3	2.67	1.4		4.06		0.19
12	24	7.7	1.14	50	3.15	2.66	3.97	2.3		3.65		0.22
24	36	7.7	2.41	47.8	5.85	5.6	13.4	5.6		4.06		0.09
36	60	7.5	3.16	53.5	9.42	8.05	24	8.1		4.66		1.46
60	96	7.8	4.08	45.4	9.47	8	26.2	8.9		2.84		1.21

Table 6-24. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site YAA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	28	40	32	CL	6.6	35.8	0.9	2
0	6	18	52	30	SICL	6.7	39.3	1	2
6	12	28	50	22	SiL	7	30.9	1.1	3
12	24	34	45	21	L	6.7	38.9	1.8	3.6
24	36	14	55	31	SiCL	7.3	32.9	2.4	5.7
36	60	26	48	26	L	7.5	30.3	2.7	6.2
60	96	29	45	26	L	7.5	28.8	3.1	5.5
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	29	43	28	CL	3.7	27.2	0.75	2.3
0	6	23	47	30	CL	3.9	28.6	0.73	2.1
6	12	23	45	32	CL	2.6	28.7	0.8	2.3
12	24	29	43	28	CL	4.4	24.9	1.42	4.3
24	36	27	45	28	CL	4.5	24.9	2.48	7.4
36	60	29	43	28	CL	4.3	24.9	4.42	12
60	96	26	45	29	CL	4.7	25.6	5.01	10
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	22	48	30	CL	4	28.5	0.87	2.3
0	6	23	46	31	CL	4.1	29.4	1	2.6
6	12	21	48	31	CL	4.5	30.9	1.2	3.1
12	24	26	46	28	CL	4.7	27.2	1.69	4.1
24	36	26	45	29	CL	4.9	27	3.14	8
36	60	28	46	26	L	4.5	25	4.35	11
60	90	32	45	23	L	5.1	21.3	3.98	11
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	27	44	29	CL	3.8	39.3	0.59	1.1
0	6	24	47	29	CL	4.2	38.8	0.61	1.2
6	12	26	45	29	CL	4.7	37.5	0.81	1.7
12	24	28	44	28	CL	4.5	37.9	1.44	2.4
24	36	26	47	27	CL	5.3	33	2.49	5.1
36	60	30	45	25	L	5.4	32.6	3.04	5.5
60	96	32	44	24	L	6.1	30.4	3.33	5.7
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	23	48	29	CL	3.5	41.4	0.64	1.4
0	6	23	50	27	CL	3.8	37.2	0.61	1.4
6	12	20	51	29	SiCL	3.9	38.7	0.89	1.9
12	24	20	52	28	SiCL	4.4	36.1	1.32	3.1
24	36	27	50	23	SiL	4.6	34.5	2.16	4.4
36	60	29	50	21	SiL	4.5	33	3.36	6.3
60	96	34	45	21	L	4.8	29.1	3.62	8.4

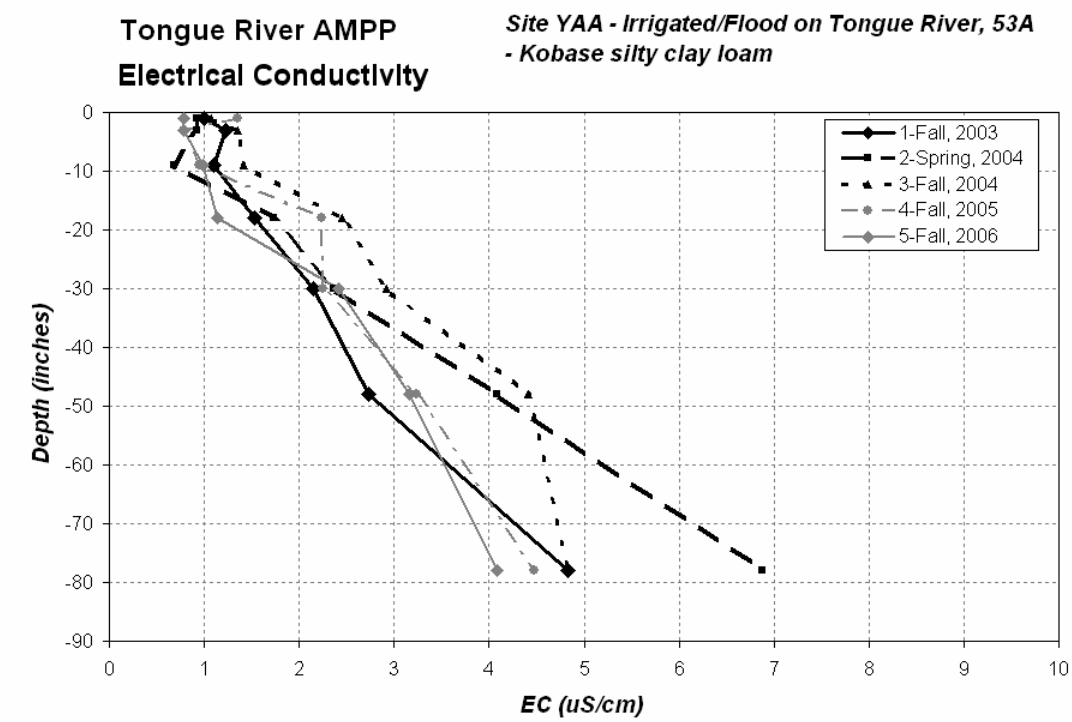

Figure 6-45. Trends in EC with depth for site YAA.

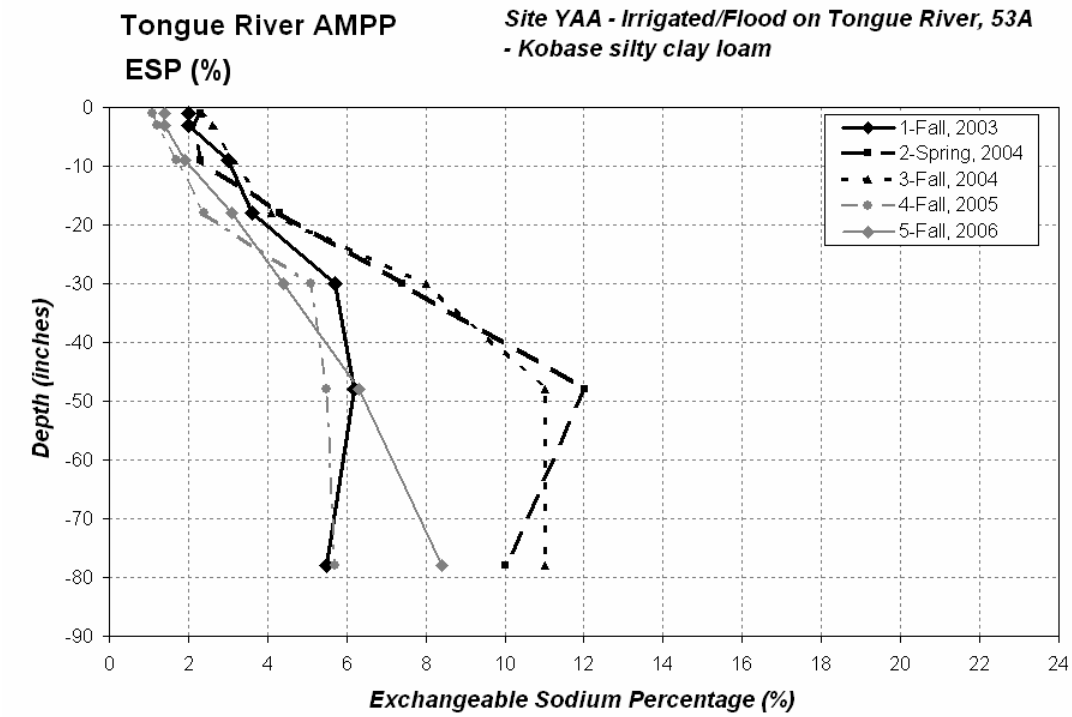

Figure 6-46. Trends in ESP with depth for site YAA.

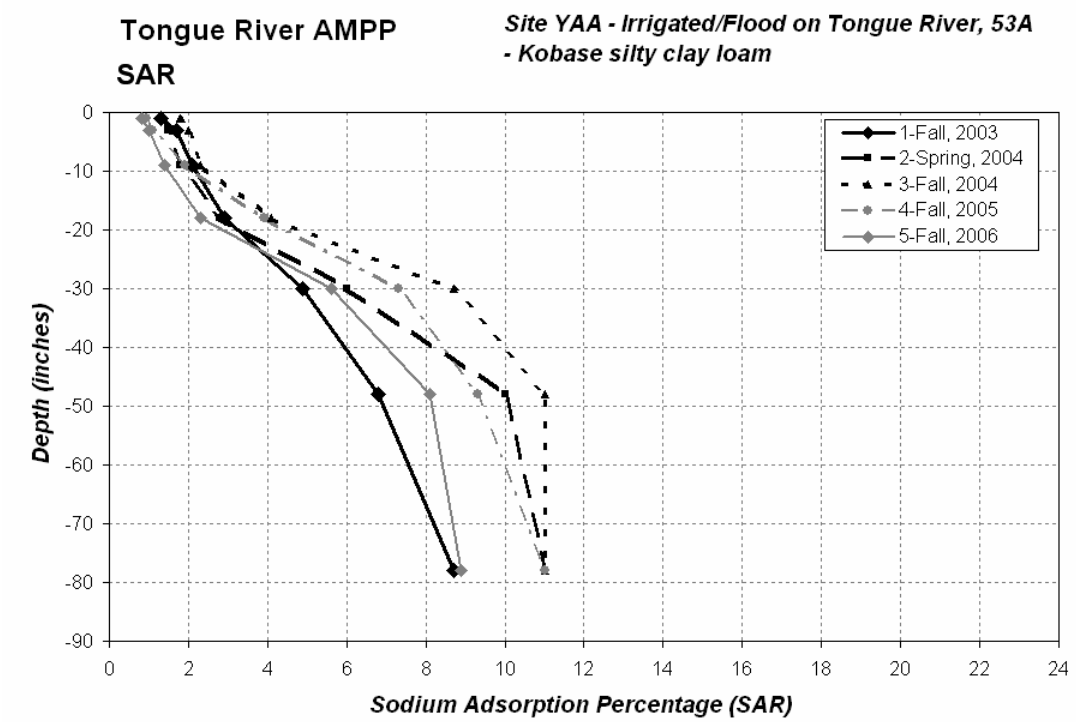

Figure 6- 47. Trends in SAR with depth for site YAA.

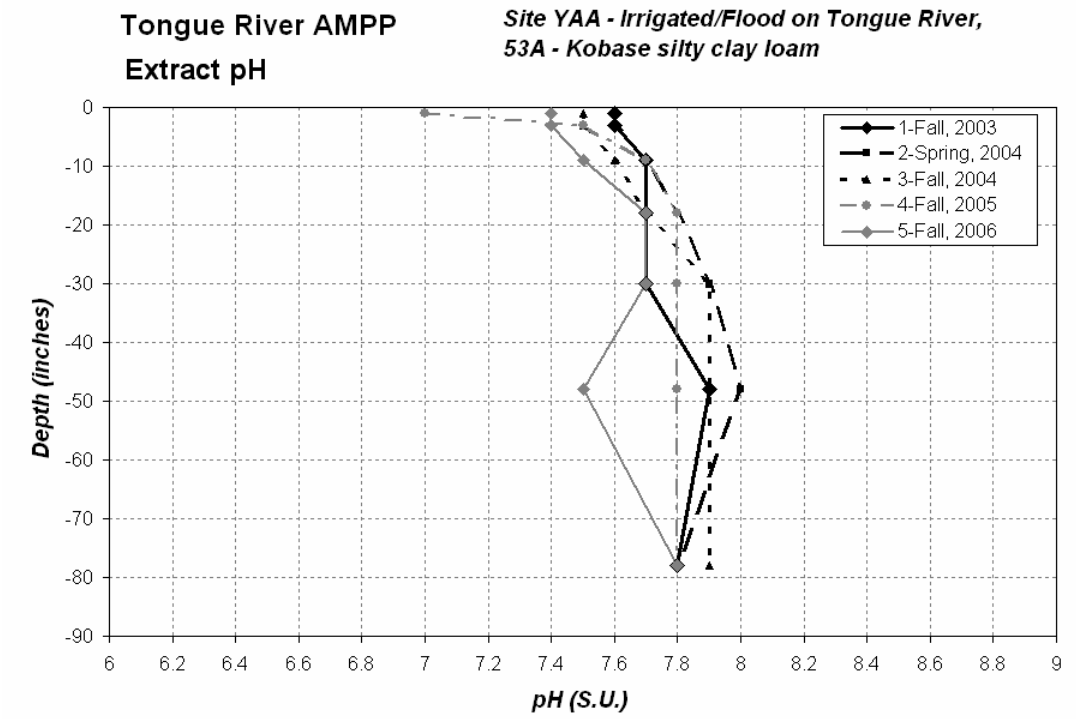

Figure 6-48. Trends in pH with depth for site YAA.

6.2 Tongue River Tributary AMPP Sites

6.2.1 Site MB

Site MB (Table 6-25 and 6-26) is irrigated with water from Prairie Dog Creek and is located in Wyoming just above the confluence with the Tongue River. A hay millet crop was harvested from the field in 2003, which was followed by barley in 2004 and was fallowed in 2005. Grass and alfalfa was seeded in early June 2006, but was not irrigated. No grass or alfalfa was present in fall 2006. Irrigation was erratic with 6 to 12 inches applied in 2003 to 2004, but no irrigation in later years.

In fall 2003 composite samples, EC (Figure 6-49) was generally below 1 dS/m in the upper 24 inches but increased to around 3 dS/m from 24 to 36 inches and again decreased to less than 2 dS/m from 5 to 8 feet. This pattern of salinity may be due to water table within 6 to 8 feet of the surface. SAR and ESP increased only modestly with increasing depth."

Measured EC, SAR, ESP, pH (Figures 6-50 to 6-52) showed few trends through time. Low precipitation amounts and limited irrigation may account for the lack of change in soil chemistry.

Table 6-25. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site MB.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.5	0.82	40.5	3.7	3	1.6	0.9	4			
0	6	7.5	0.81	40.8	3.7	3	1.5	0.8	5.5			
6	12	7.7	0.6	43.3	2.5	2.3	1.3	0.8	4.3			
12	24	8	0.63	53.5	2.3	2.4	2	1.3	3.2			
24	36	8	0.89	52.4	2.5	3	3.8	2.3	3.1			
36	60	7.8	3.89	44	22.3	24.9	9.1	1.9	1.4			
60	96	7.8	3.23	43.5	20.7	20.4	8.1	1.8	1.2			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.7	0.62	40.9	2.86	2.4	0.98	0.6	4.4			0.71
0	6	7.6	0.55	43	2.6	2.06	1.15	0.8	3.2			0.56
6	12	7.9	0.74	47.8	2.75	2.33	1.49	0.9	3.6			2.12
12	24	8.1	0.58	48.7	1.86	1.93	2.1	1.5	3			0.28
24	36	8.1	1.26	46.5	4.11	5.5	6.07	2.8	2.4			0.28
36	60	7.9	3.95	47	22.6	23	8.34	1.7	1.6			0.42
60	96	7.8	3.71	42.8	24.6	22.6	8.67	1.8	1.6			0.14
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.4	0.53	38.4	2.32	1.81	0.99	0.69	5			
0	6	7.3	0.76	44.2	3.24	2.79	1.34	0.77	4			
6	12	7.5	0.77	46.3	3.26	3.42	1.73	0.95	3.6			
12	24	7.7	0.73	48.4	2.16	2.78	2.72	1.7	3.2			
24	36	7.7	2.51	43.5	6.37	10.1	7.88	2.8	2.4			
36	60	7.6	3.79	39.6	12.8	19.5	11.9	3	2			
60	96	7.6	4.58	42.5	23.1	24.5	10.9	2.2	1.4			
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.5	0.78	40.8	4.3	3.33	0.79	0.4		7.23		
0	6	7.5	0.6	42.3	2.95	2.46	0.97	0.59		5.2		
6	12	7.6	0.85	44.9	3.17	3.21	1.87	1		3.47		
12	24	7.8	0.85	49.5	2.92	3.6	2.44	1.4		2.82		
24	36	7.8	1.32	47	3.54	4.97	4.04	2		2.46		
36	60	7.6	4.49	46.8	24.5	25.3	9.03	1.8		1.59		
60	96	7.6	4.23	47.2	23.1	22.8	9.41	2		1.45		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.4	0.66	41.1	3.09	2.17	0.23	0.14		4.06		0.04
0	6	7.5	0.64	46.9	3.08	2.3	0.4	0.24		4.46		ND
6	12	7.5	1.22	46	5.01	4.83	1.83	0.83		6.08		0.07
12	24	7.8	0.61	44.4	2.12	2.51	1.28	0.84		2.97		0.16
24	36	7.8	0.93	43.2	2.54	3.41	2.88	1.7		2.43		0.38
36	60	7.6	3.67	40.5	20.2	20.7	6.83	1.5		1.62		1.42
60	96	7.6	4.01	43.1	22.8	21.2	7.29	1.6		1.42		1.45

Table 6-26. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site MB.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	23	46	31	CL	1.2	27.4	0.6	2
0	6	26	45	29	CL	1.2	35.5	0.6	1.5
6	12	25	42	33	CL	2.9	34.6	0.6	1.6
12	24	23	41	36	CL	9.3	33.9	0.8	1.9
24	36	24	43	33	CL	10.8	29.4	1.1	3.1
36	60	30	42	28	CL	7.8	26.7	1.3	3.3
60	96	31	41	28	CL	5.9	28.2	1.3	3.3
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	27	45	28	CL	1.1	24.8	0.48	1.8
0	6	24	46	30	CL	1.6	24.2	1.15	4.6
6	12	21	42	37	CL	4.7	28.5	0.76	2.4
12	24	16	47	37	SiCL	10.6	24.7	0.92	3.3
24	36	30	40	30	CL	10.8	22.9	1.29	4.4
36	60	29	43	28	CL	7.1	20.8	1.35	4.6
60	96	38	36	26	L	5.8	20.2	1.24	4.3
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	28	47	25	L	1.5	29.5	0.58	1.8
0	6	28	42	30	CL	1.6	33	0.68	1.9
6	12	22	45	33	CL	5.8	31.8	0.85	2.4
12	24	22	42	36	CL	10.3	31.9	1.07	3
24	36	33	41	26	L	10.8	27.3	1.63	4.7
36	60	44	33	23	L	8.3	22.6	1.63	5.1
60	96	38	37	25	L	6.9	27.7	1.63	4.2
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	29	45	26	L	1.9	24	0.36	1.4
0	6	29	45	26	L	2.5	29.5	0.41	1.3
6	12	22	45	33	CL	5.8	29.5	0.54	1.6
12	24	21	53	26	SiL	10.3	27.9	0.66	1.9
24	36	30	41	29	CL	10.2	25.6	0.77	2.3
36	60	35	39	26	L	7.4	24.7	1.06	2.6
60	96	36	38	26	L	7	23.6	1.02	2.5
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	30	46	24	L	1.2	27.9	0.33	1.1
0	6	28	45	27	CL	1.8	27.6	0.42	1.4
6	12	23	46	31	CL	5.2	24.7	0.55	1.9
12	24	22	45	33	CL	9.8	25.8	0.61	2.1
24	36	30	43	27	CL	10.6	24.4	0.77	2.7
36	60	48	33	19	L	6.5	19	0.86	3.1
60	96	43	36	21	L	5.3	23.4	1.09	3.3

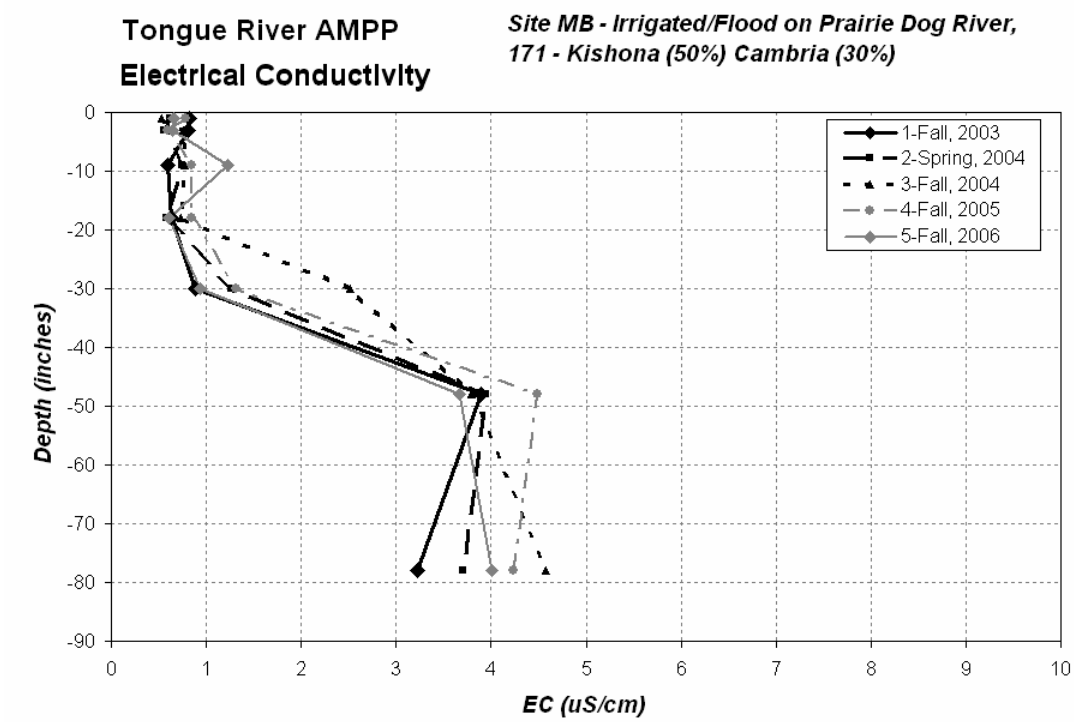

Figure 6-49. Trends in EC with depth for site MB.

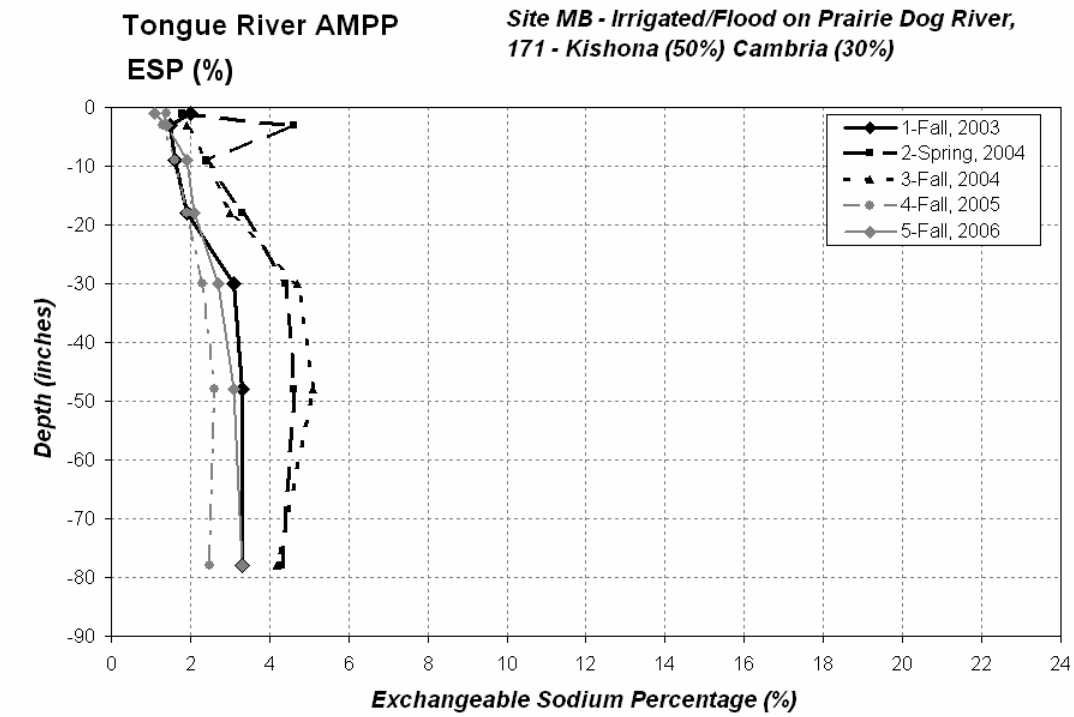

Figure 6-50. Trends in ESP with depth for site MB.

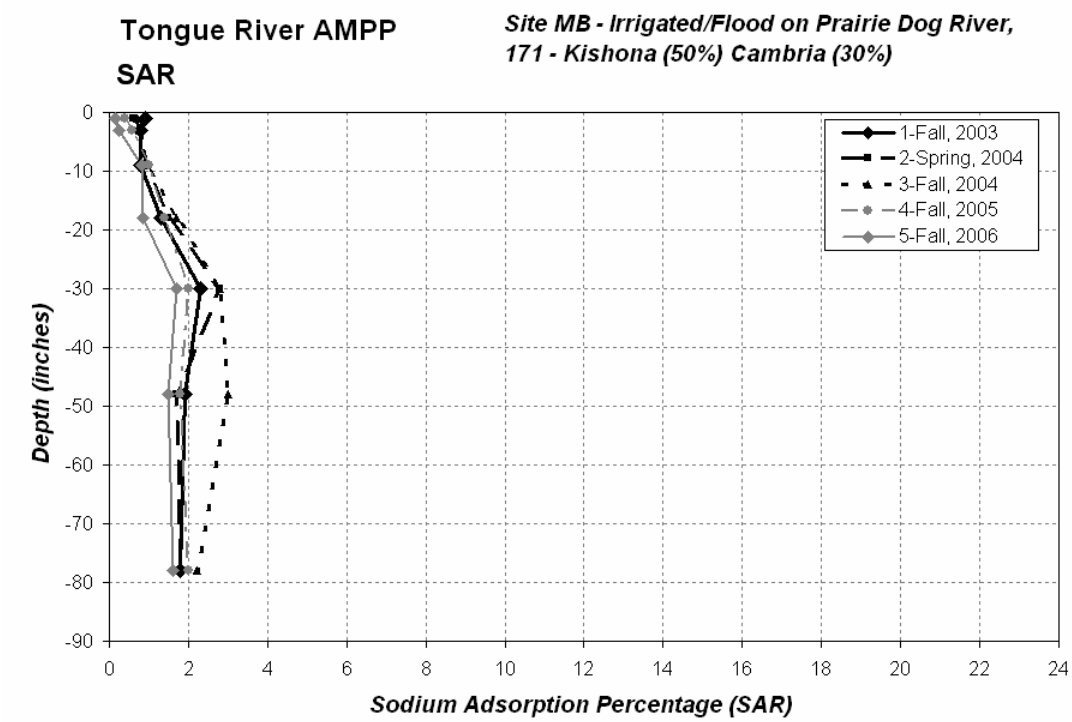

Figure 6-51. Trends in SAR with depth for site MB.

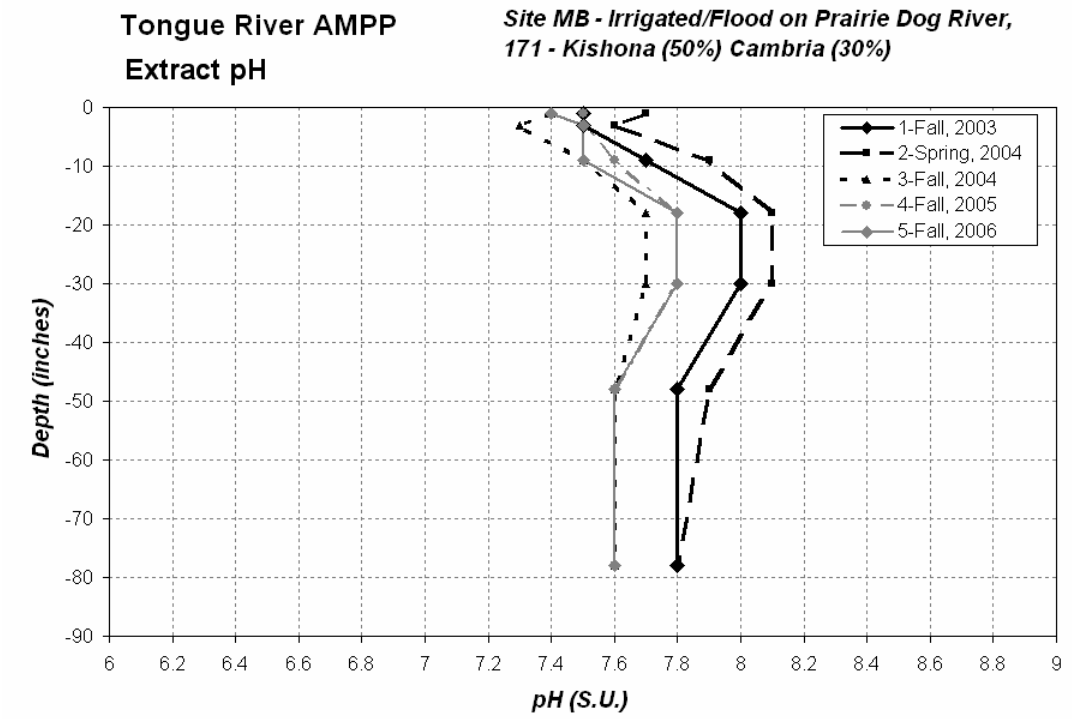

Figure 6-52. Trends in pH with depth for site MB.

6.2.2 Site OAA

Site OAA (Table 6-27 and 6-28) was formerly flood irrigated with water from Otter Creek but was non-irrigated from 2003 through 2006. Yields were 1 to 2 tons of dryland (or sub-irrigated) grass/alfalfa mix hay during this period.

Despite the higher EC and SAR typically found in water from Otter Creek, site OAA had a surprisingly low EC (Figure 6-53), ESP, and SAR (Figures 6-53 to 6-56). The chemistry was similar to Tongue River soils, which may be because the fields have been mostly rain-fed as opposed to irrigated with more saline Otter Creek water. It is also possible that the field was only irrigated from Otter Creek historically when flows were higher and EC values more comparable to the Tongue River.

Table 6-27. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site OAA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.7	0.88	51.3	5.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	8.1			
0	6	7.8	0.64	50.8	3.9	2	0.8	0.4	5.8			
6	12	7.6	0.48	42.7	2	1.4	1.2	0.9	3.8			
12	24	8	0.78	40.5	2.8	2	3	1.9	3.1			
24	36	8.1	0.89	37.3	2.2	1.9	4.3	3	3.2			
36	60	8.1	0.96	44.5	2.8	2.4	4.3	2.6	3			
60	96	8.2	2.57	39.7	5.3	10	15	5.4	2.7			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.4	0.48	44.6	2.99	1.25	0.54	0.4	7			0.42
0	6	7.4	0.62	42.6	3.66	2.02	0.84	0.5	7.4			0.42
6	12	7.7	0.69	38.6	2.77	2.06	1.26	0.8	4.8			0.71
12	24	7.8	0.63	33.5	2.01	1.58	2.51	1.9	4.6			0.42
24	36	7.9	1.59	33.2	4.53	4.09	5.81	2.8	3.6			0.71
36	60	7.9	2.08	36.4	4.51	6.06	8.92	3.9	4.4			0.56
60	96	8.1	3.87	37	6.16	14.5	23.7	7.4	2.8			1.27
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.1	1.19	55.4	7.61	3.39	1.19	0.51		3.47		
0	6	7.3	0.78	47.8	4.73	2.8	0.45	0.23		7.23		
6	12	7.6	0.59	40.9	2.96	2.76	0.78	0.46		5.35		
12	24	7.8	1.15	37	2.97	2.88	5.01	2.9		4.34		
24	36	7.8	1.75	34.6	3.94	3.72	9.08	4.6		3.9		
36	60	7.8	1.79	40.4	4.67	4.93	9	4.1		3.69		
60	96	8.1	2.64	39	3.93	8.1	16.3	6.6		3.03		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.3	0.95	51.8	5.98	2.28	0.18	0.09		7.03		0.1
0	6	7.3	0.79	51.5	4.7	2.52	0.24	0.13		6.22		0.05
6	12	7.6	0.54	45	2.61	2.24	0.57	0.37		3.85		0.07
12	24	7.7	0.86	40.6	2.28	1.81	4.1	2.9		6.08		0.08
24	36	7.7	2.61	36.9	5.52	6.13	13.8	5.7		3.38		0.38
36	60	7.7	3.08	40	9.17	11.6	12.9	4		2.43		0.45
60	96	7.9	4.01	38.8	9.52	13.4	20.7	6.1		2.03		1

Table 6-28. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site OAA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	28	47	25	L	8.1	29.6	0.5	1.7
0	6	30	49	21	L	9.5	27.9	0.6	1.9
6	12	27	51	22	SiL	8.5	25.6	0.4	1.5
12	24	27	51	22	SiL	8.9	21.2	0.6	2.4
24	36	41	42	17	L	9	18.2	0.9	3.8
36	60	21	51	28	CL	9.2	25.3	1.1	3.8
60	96	36	42	22	L	6.7	21.7	1.6	4.5
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	39	44	17	L	6.9	19	0.44	2.2
0	6	31	48	21	L	7.5	21.6	0.44	1.9
6	12	30	49	21	L	8.1	19.9	0.43	1.9
12	24	38	45	17	L	8.3	16.5	0.68	3.6
24	36	41	44	15	L	8.4	14.1	1.03	6
36	60	35	46	19	L	8.4	16.3	1.37	6.4
60	96	34	47	19	L	8.3	15.3	2	7.4
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	32	49	19	L	7.6	30	0.52	1.5
0	6	32	50	18	SiL	7.4	27.6	0.28	0.9
6	12	30	50	20	SiL	8.9	23.1	0.39	1.6
12	24	37	45	18	L	9.3	20.1	0.82	3.1
24	36	43	44	13	L	9	15.6	1.07	4.9
36	60	35	46	19	L	9.7	20.1	1.12	3.8
60	96	37	45	18	L	10.3	17.1	1.53	5.2
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	37	48	15	L	6.7	27.3	0.32	1.1
0	6	27	56	17	SiL	7.5	35.7	0.38	1
6	12	23	56	21	SiL	8.2	26.5	0.49	1.7
12	24	31	50	19	SiL	8.5	21.1	0.92	3.6
24	36	39	40	21	L	8.2	16.5	1.38	5.3
36	60	31	52	17	SiL	8.5	17.9	1.56	5.8
60	96	33	52	15	SiL	9.3	17.2	2.05	7.3

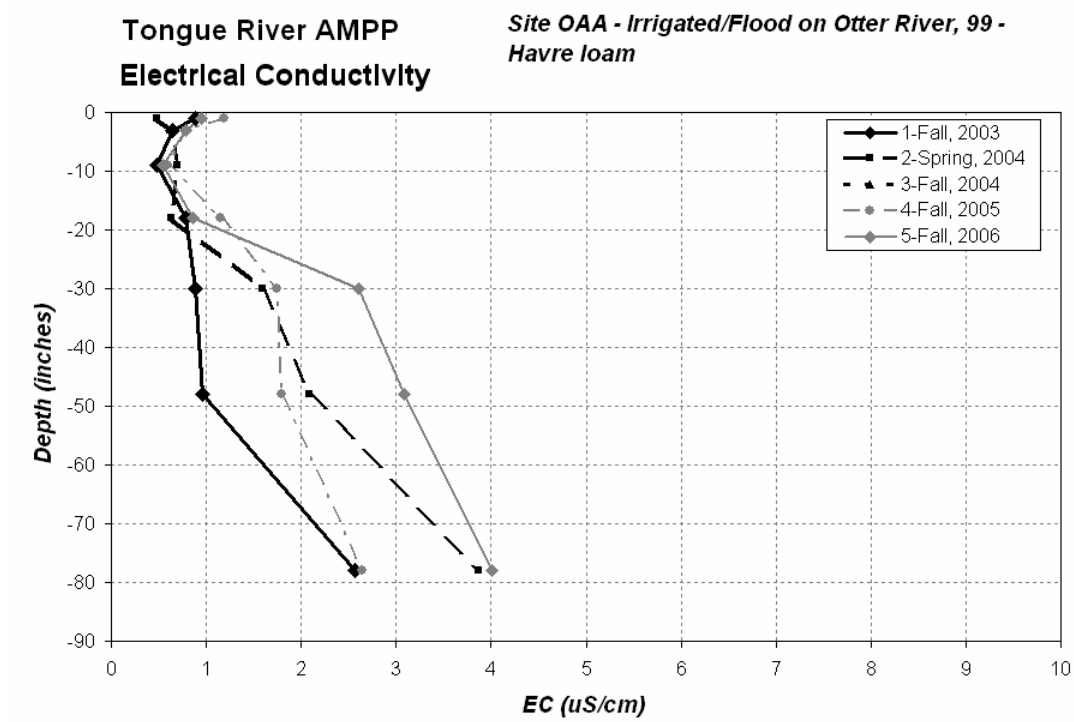

Figure 6-53. Trends in EC with depth for site OAA.

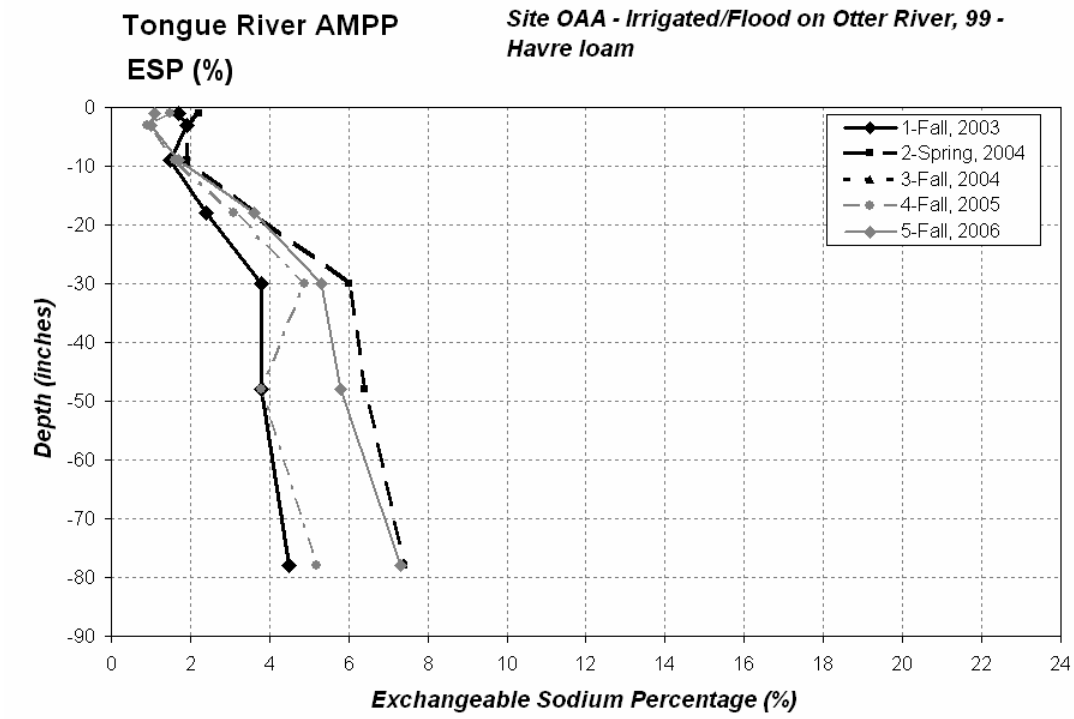

Figure 6-54. Trends in ESP with depth for site OAA.

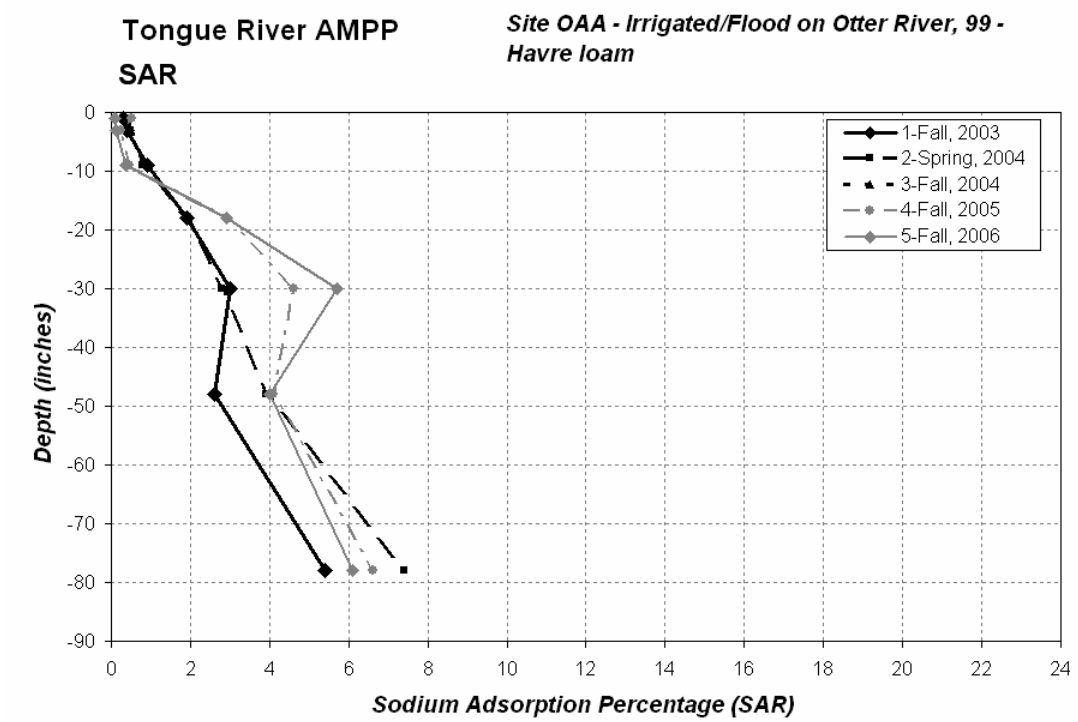

Figure 6-55. Trends in SAR with depth for site OAA.

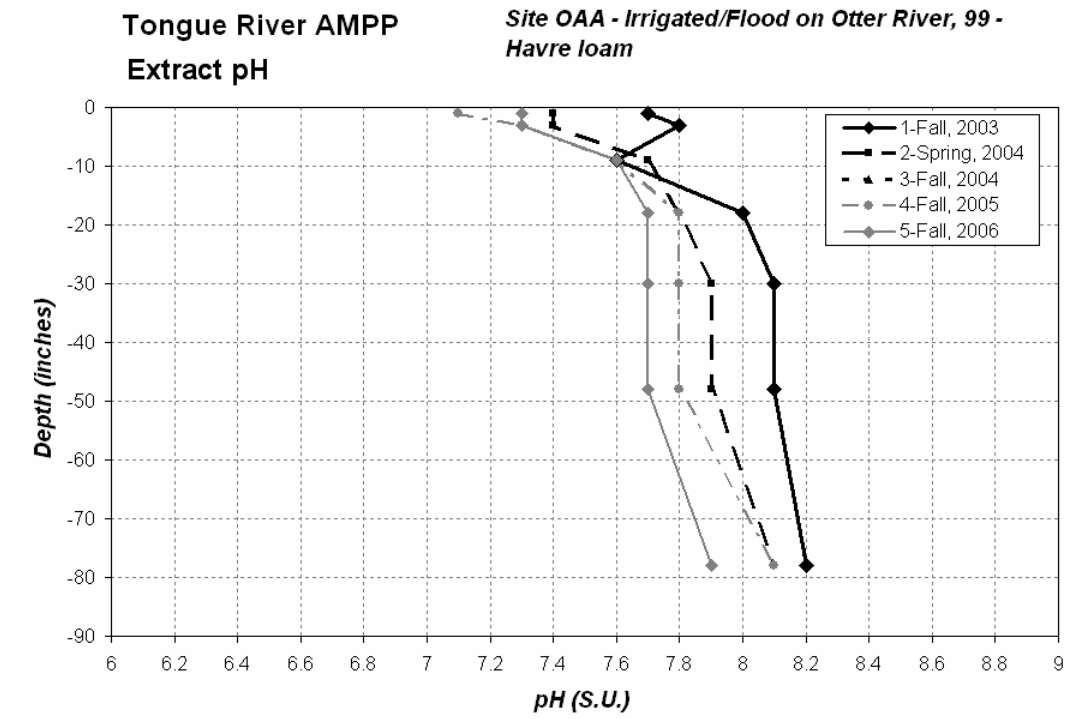

Figure 6-56. Trends in pH with depth for site OAA.

6.3 Reference AMPP Sites in Other River Basins

6.3.1 Site YBA

Site YBA (Table 6-29 and 6-30) is located on the Fort Keogh Experiment Station on a bench above the Yellowstone River. The field was in barley for grain in 2003, barley for hay in 2004, hay barley underseeded to alfalfa in 2005, and established alfalfa in 2006. Yields were 80 bushels, 2.7 tons, 4.0 tons, and 6.4 per acre in 2003 through 2006, respectively. It is flood irrigated, receiving 0, 8, 7, and 24 inches of applied irrigation in 2003 through 2006.

Soil EC (Figure 6-57) increased after the non-irrigated barley in 2003, and then decreased in 2004 through 2006 when the field was irrigated. Similarly, ESP decreased in the upper 3 feet both in 2004 and remained lower in 2005 through 2006 (Figure 6-58) because of increased leaching with irrigation and rainfall. SAR (Figure 6-59) showed in increasing trend at depth between 2003 and 2005, but pH did not change (Figure 6-60).

Table 6-29. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site YBA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.4	1.71	58.1	9.6	3.3	3.7	1.5	9.6			
0	6	7.6	1.19	58.4	4.8	2.1	3	1.6	5.2			
6	12	7.7	1.3	58.4	5.4	2.9	3.4	1.7	4.4			
12	24	7.8	1.83	55.5	5.9	3.5	8	3.7	4.4			
24	36	7.8	1.78	65.5	4.7	3.1	9	4.5	4			
36	60	7.9	2.42	54.5	5.2	3.5	15.5	7.4	4			
60	96	8.2	2	69.2	1.7	1.2	15.2	13	4.4			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.7	1.42	50.3	8.19	3.33	3.96	1.6	4.6			0.99
0	6	7.6	2.48	49.9	14.7	5.6	7.31	2.3	3.8			2.54
6	12	7.6	2.83	53	15.6	6.46	9.73	2.9	5.4			5.08
12	24	7.8	3.48	47.4	11.7	7.42	14.7	4.8	3.2			3.81
24	36	7.8	5.12	43.5	18	11.8	22.4	5.8	2.4			3.24
36	60	7.8	2.49	46.1	5.2	3.28	13.7	6.7	3.4			1.27
60	96	8	2.2	46.1	2.78	1.63	15.2	10	5			1.55
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.5	1.89	48.5	10	3.9	4.93	1.9	4.2			
0	6	7.6	1.37	49.3	6.43	2.49	3.74	1.8	3.7			
6	12	7.6	1.07	49.2	5.47	2.19	3.14	1.6	4			
12	24	7.8	1.98	46.2	7.37	4.88	7.22	2.9	2.4			
24	36	7.9	1.98	44.7	5.45	3.8	12.1	5.6	2.6			
36	60	7.9	2.27	51.9	3.07	2.02	16.9	11	3.3			
60	90	8.2	1.98	58.2	2.19	1.32	22.6	17	3.6			
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	7.4	0.89	46.5	6.14	2.3	1.98	0.96		6.99		
0	6	7.5	0.79	46.8	4.76	1.92	2.96	1.6		5.73		
6	12	7.6	1.3	47	6.54	2.86	5.39	2.5		4.26		
12	24	7.6	2.4	44.8	9.68	6.75	12.1	4.2		2.93		
24	36	7.7	3.33	44	10.9	8.2	21.6	7		2.26		
36	60	8	2.36	52.6	3.21	2.18	21.3	13		3.2		
60	96	8.1	2.1	57.1	1.44	0.87	19.6	18		4.4		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.5	0.74	53.4	4.28	1.48	1.15	0.68		5.68		0.61
0	6	7.5	0.75	47.2	4.08	1.55	1.35	0.8		5.68		0.17
6	12	7.5	0.75	46.4	3.67	1.66	2.45	1.5		4.87		0.21
12	24	7.7	1.72	44.7	5.35	3.67	7.24	3.4		2.84		0.56
24	36	7.7	3.79	45.8	11	8.24	19.6	6.3		2.84		0.49
36	60	7.8	2.57	50.1	4.38	2.97	18.2	9.5		2.84		0.57
60	96	8.3	1.68	59.4	1.5	1.04	19.2	17		4.56		0.14

Table 6-30. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site YBA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	13	64	23	SiL	6.9	30.7	0.9	2.3
0	6	16	59	25	SiL	6.7	32.9	0.9	2.3
6	12	16	60	24	SiL	7	30.6	0.9	2.3
12	24	10	56	34	SiCL	6.7	35	3	7.3
24	36	23	55	22	SiL	7.3	28.5	1.7	3.9
36	60	18	56	26	SiL	6.7	30.7	2.7	5.9
60	96	14	58	28	SiCL	6.6	32.4	3.8	8.6
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	17	58	25	SiL	6	23.3	0.66	2
0	6	15	59	26	SiL	5.8	22.2	1.15	3.5
6	12	10	63	27	SiCL	6.2	23.8	1.46	4
12	24	14	63	23	SiL	6.8	22.3	2.5	8.3
24	36	21	58	21	SiL	6	21.5	2.9	9
36	60	15	58	27	SiCL	6.1	19.1	2.6	11
60	96	23	51	26	SiL	5.6	23.8	2.9	9.5
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	20	57	23	SiL	6.6	21.1	0.86	2.9
0	6	16	59	25	SiL	6.2	22.8	0.85	2.9
6	12	19	58	23	SiL	6.6	22.8	0.76	2.7
12	24	18	61	21	SiL	7.2	19.6	1.2	4.4
24	36	24	56	20	SiL	6.3	19	1.74	6.3
36	60	18	56	26	SiL	6.1	21	3.57	13
60	90	20	50	30	SiCL	6.1	24.5	5.53	17
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	19	59	22	SiL	6.7	35.6	0.51	1.2
0	6	20	57	23	SiL	6.7	35.3	0.74	1.7
6	12	18	58	24	SiL	7.3	30.4	0.94	2.3
12	24	21	59	20	SiL	7.7	30.4	1.56	3.4
24	36	21	60	19	SiL	7	30.8	2.21	4.1
36	60	21	54	25	SiL	6.3	24.8	3.24	8.5
60	96	21	48	31	CL	5.5	26.9	5.35	16
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	19	60	21	SiL	6.2	31.1	0.51	1.4
0	6	18	62	20	SiL	6.4	30.5	0.56	1.6
6	12	16	63	21	SiL	6.9	31.1	0.74	2
12	24	18	65	17	SiL	7.5	25.5	1.4	4.2
24	36	21	63	16	SiL	6.6	23.4	2.23	5.7
36	60	23	56	21	SiL	5.6	28.1	3.06	7.7
60	96	19	54	27	SiCL	6	32.8	5.6	14

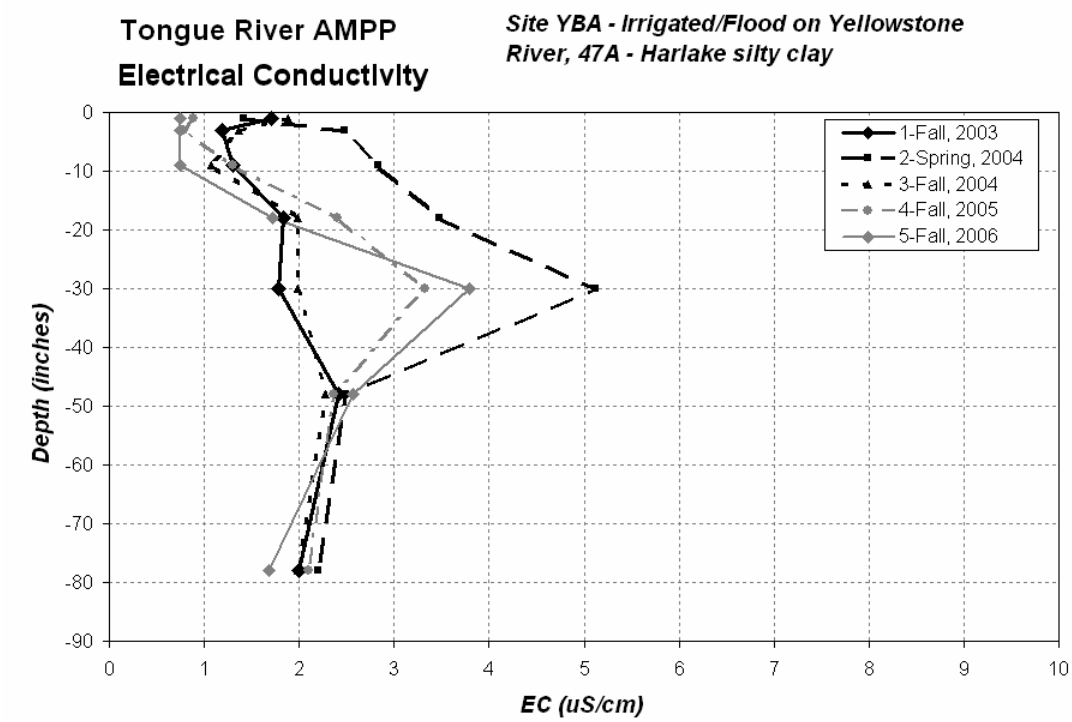

Figure 6-57. Trends in EC with depth for site YBA.

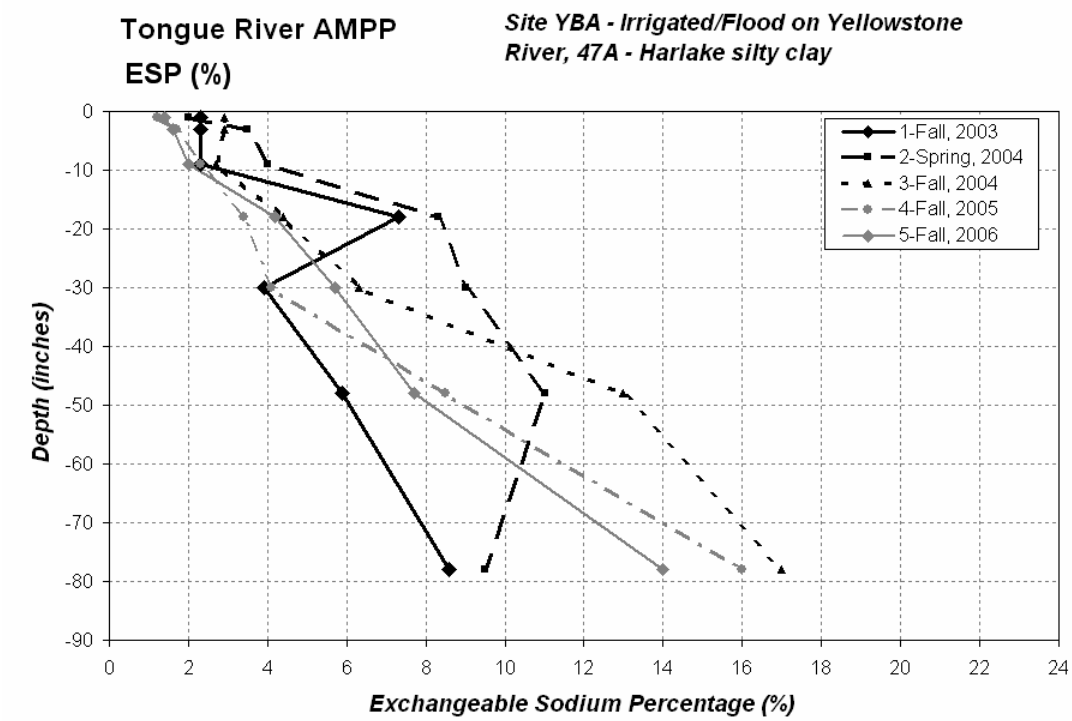

Figure 6-58. Trends in ESP with depth for site YBA.

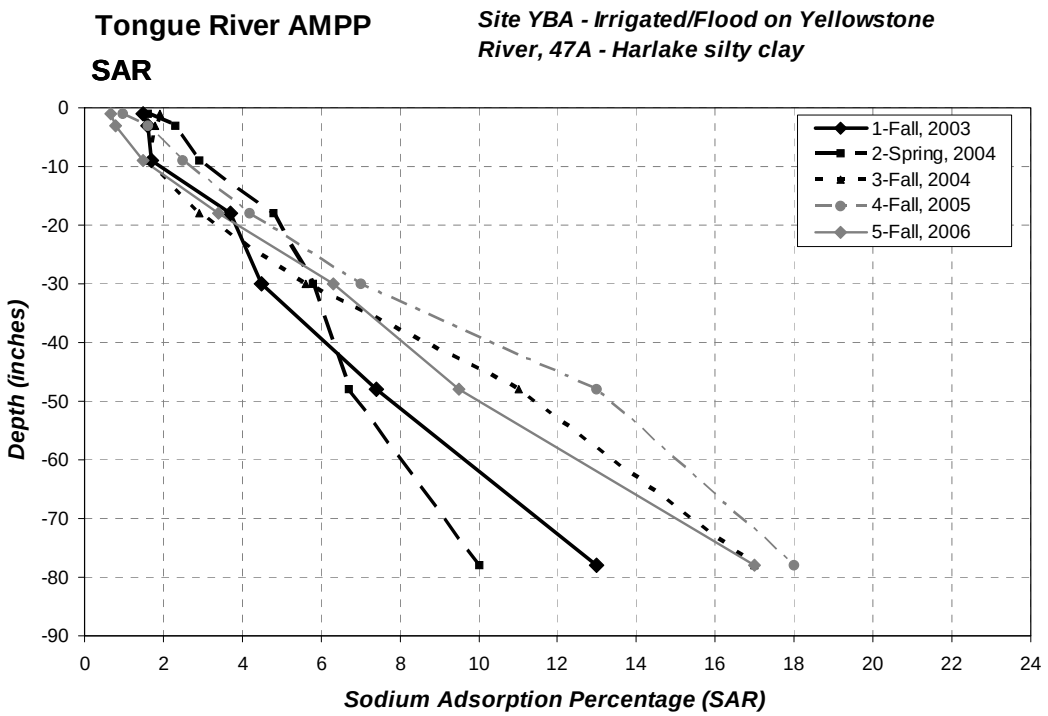

Figure 6-59. Trends in SAR with depth for site YBA.

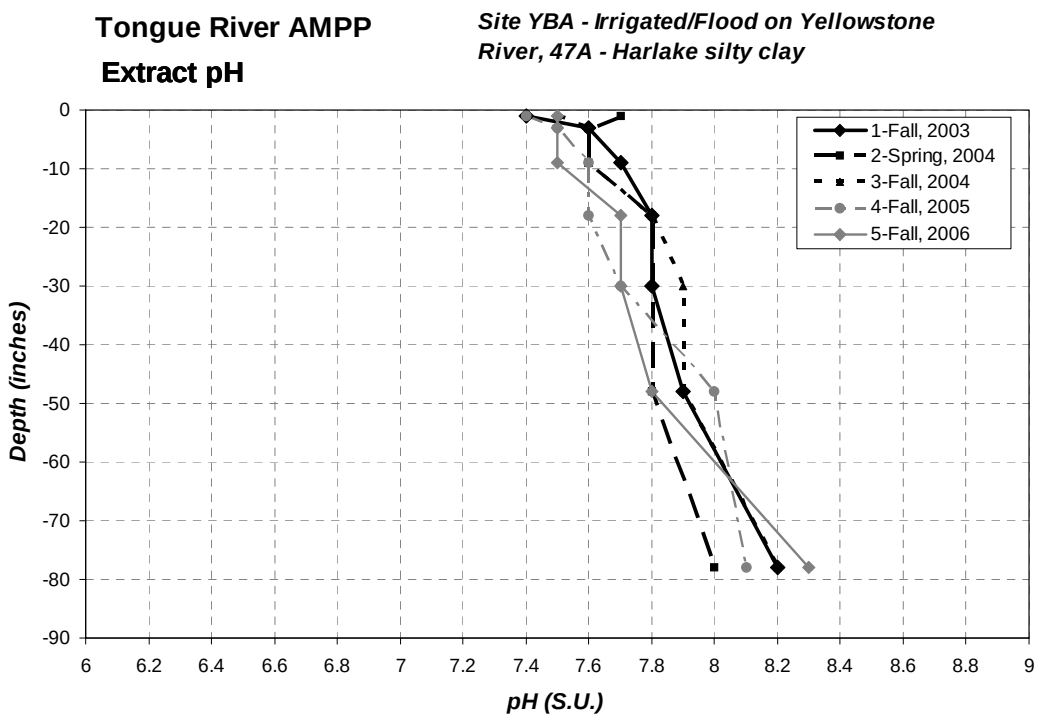

Figure 6-60. Trends in pH with depth for site YBA.

6.3.2 Site BHA

Site BHA (Table 6-31 and 6-32) is a reference field flood-irrigated with Big Horn River water. It was planted to beets (39 tons per acre), winter wheat (120 and 77 bushels per acre), and sugar beets (45 tons/acre) in 2003 through 2006, respectively. The quantity of applied irrigation water ranged from 24 inches in 2003 to 12 inches in 2004, zero in 2005, and 24 inches in 2006 due to changes in crop requirements and varying amounts of growing season precipitation.

EC, SAR, and ESP at site BHA were elevated in the 0 to 2 inch depth in 2003 (Figure 6-61), but subsequently decreased. This pattern is probably due to the fact that the soil must be moist for digging beets. Once the beets were defoliated, soil moisture (and salts) rapidly moved to the surface and evaporated, leaving the salts behind. In 2004 and 2005, the wheat canopy was more open than with the beet tops, therefore the soil surface dried slowly, not having the rapid movement of soil moisture (nor salts) upward. SAR and ESP were again elevated in the 0 to 2 inch depth following the 2006 sugar beet crop. EC remained relatively low because over four inches of precipitation was received between the final irrigation in early September 2006 and harvest in late November. Except for the 0 to 2 inch depth, EC, ESP, SAR, and pH values are relatively unchanged with depth or through time (Figures 6-62 to 6-64), indicating that the soil is well-drained and is adequately leached to maintain a salt balance.

Table 6-31. Soil pH, EC, saturation extractable ions and SAR for site BHA.

Depth (inches)		pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Alkalinity (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Bicarbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Carbonate (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3	Chloride (Paste) meq/L Method ASA10-3
1-Fall, 2003												
0	2	7.3	3.14	43.9	8.2	4.7	13.6	5.4	14.7			
0	6	7.5	2.07	56	7.2	3.5	7.3	3.2	7.2			
6	12	7.6	1.57	54	4.8	4	5.6	2.7	5			
12	24	7.7	1.14	56.1	3	1.8	4.2	2.7	3.3			
24	36	7.5	3.6	50.8	23.1	11.6	8.3	2	3.2			
36	60	7.5	3.8	50.8	25.5	11.7	9.2	2.1	2.8			
60	96	7.5	3.5	44.7	22.3	12.3	8	1.9	2.2			
2-Spring, 2004												
0	2	7.5	3.36	53.3	13.5	5.77	11.8	3.8	4.8			0.99
0	6	7.6	1.95	55.7	8.24	3.38	5.95	2.5	8			1.69
6	12	7.7	1.42	58.2	7.03	2.86	4.55	2	4			3.81
12	24	7.7	2.14	60.7	11.8	6.45	4.97	1.6	4			0.85
24	36	7.7	3.32	58.2	26.3	12.7	8.01	1.8	2			0.42
36	60	7.6	3.51	51.7	27.3	12.1	9.11	2	4			0.42
60	96	7.6	3.17	51	22.6	12.6	7.5	1.8	2			0.42
3-Fall, 2004												
0	2	7.7	1.04	55.9	3.93	1.86	5.18	3	4			2.44
0	6	7.7	0.89	58.9	3.01	1.33	5.15	3.5	4			1.72
6	12	7.7	0.8	65.5	3.31	1.51	4.38	2.8	4			0.77
12	24	7.8	1.11	64.4	4.44	2.42	4.9	2.6	2			1.33
24	36	7.7	3.14	58	22.6	10.6	7.65	1.9	1			0.93
36	60	7.6	3.34	55.1	26.3	11.5	8.33	1.9	1			0.51
60	96	7.7	3.44	52.6	26.3	13.3	7.81	1.8	2			0.47
4-Fall, 2005												
0	2	8.1	0.47	55.8	1.51	0.61	3.07	3		2.97		
0	6	7.9	0.8	57.4	3.84	1.52	4.56	2.8		3.13		
6	12	8	0.69	58	2.67	1.1	4.36	3.2		3.85		
12	24	8.1	0.91	63.6	4.07	2.13	4.93	2.8		2.55		
24	36	7.8	3.35	56.5	29.2	12.7	9.8	2.1		1.26		
36	60	7.8	3.12	49.8	26.7	9.74	8.33	2		1.27		
60	96	7.7	2.83	52.9	21.9	10.1	5.97	1.5		1.43		
5-Fall, 2006												
0	2	7.7	1.38	62.1	3.23	1.54	8.19	5.3		3.2		4.95
0	6	7.5	0.92	57.6	4.11	1.77	3.72	2.2		2.4		0.75
6	12	7.6	0.83	55.9	3.67	1.62	3.47	2.1		2.4		0.24
12	24	7.8	0.82	64.1	3.04	1.55	3.52	2.3		2.4		0.15
24	36	7.6	3.81	59.4	26.8	11.9	8.17	1.9		1.6		0.75
36	60	7.6	4.39	47.6	33	14.8	12.8	2.6		1.6		0.82
60	96	7.5	4.05	47.6	26.6	15.2	9.26	2		1.2		0.87

Table 6-32. Soil texture, lime, CEC and ESP for site BHA.

Depth (inches)		Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Texture unitless Method ASA15-5	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b
1-Fall, 2003									
0	2	9	45	46	SiC	4.1	40.4	3.1	6.1
0	6	10	44	46	SiC	3.1	31.9	1.7	4.2
6	12	4	50	46	SiC	3.1	36.9	1.3	2.7
12	24	3	45	52	SiC	7.6	37	1.2	2.7
24	36	7	47	46	SiC	5.6	40.4	1.5	2.7
36	60	22	48	30	CL	4.8	29.3	1.5	3.4
60	96	31	38	31	CL	3.8	29.8	1.5	3.8
2-Spring, 2004									
0	2	10	45	45	SiC	2.3	29.8	1.47	2.8
0	6	11	44	45	SiC	2.3	29.5	1.13	2.7
6	12	8	44	48	SiC	2.8	31.6	1.04	2.5
12	24	9	40	51	C	4.9	28.7	1.1	2.8
24	36	9	45	46	SiC	4.4	25.8	1.27	3.1
36	60	15	48	37	SiCL	2.9	22.8	1.21	3.2
60	96	25	38	37	CL	6.5	22.2	1.18	3.6
3-Fall, 2004									
0	2	14	41	45	SiC	2.7	36.3	1.06	2.1
0	6	15	40	45	C	2.6	43.4	1.18	2
6	12	13	42	45	SiC	3	38.8	1.16	2.2
12	24	9	40	51	C	4.9	36.1	1.19	2.4
24	36	12	43	45	SiC	4.5	31.6	1.27	2.6
36	60	15	46	39	SiCL	3.3	28.3	1.15	2.4
60	96	23	37	40	C	5.8	33.4	1.23	2.5
4-Fall, 2005									
0	2	8	44	48	SiC	3.4	36.8	1.39	3.3
0	6	8	44	48	SiC	3.2	34	1.26	2.9
6	12	10	40	50	C	4.1	36.6	1.24	2.7
12	24	7	43	50	SiC	6	34.1	1.4	3.2
24	36	9	44	47	SiC	5.2	29.4	1.47	3.1
36	60	13	46	41	SiC	4.1	26.5	1.24	3.1
60	96	22	35	43	C	5.8	29.2	1.29	3.3
5-Fall, 2006									
0	2	14	43	43	SiC	2.8	37.4	3.57	8.2
0	6	14	41	45	SiC	2.6	38.9	1.23	2.6
6	12	12	43	45	SiC	3.6	37.5	1.33	3
12	24	9	44	47	SiC	5.2	32.3	1.47	3.8
24	36	7	45	48	SiC	4.2	28.7	1.34	3
36	60	18	51	31	SiCL	3.7	24.6	1.26	2.6
60	96	23	42	35	CL	5.2	28.2	2.01	5.6

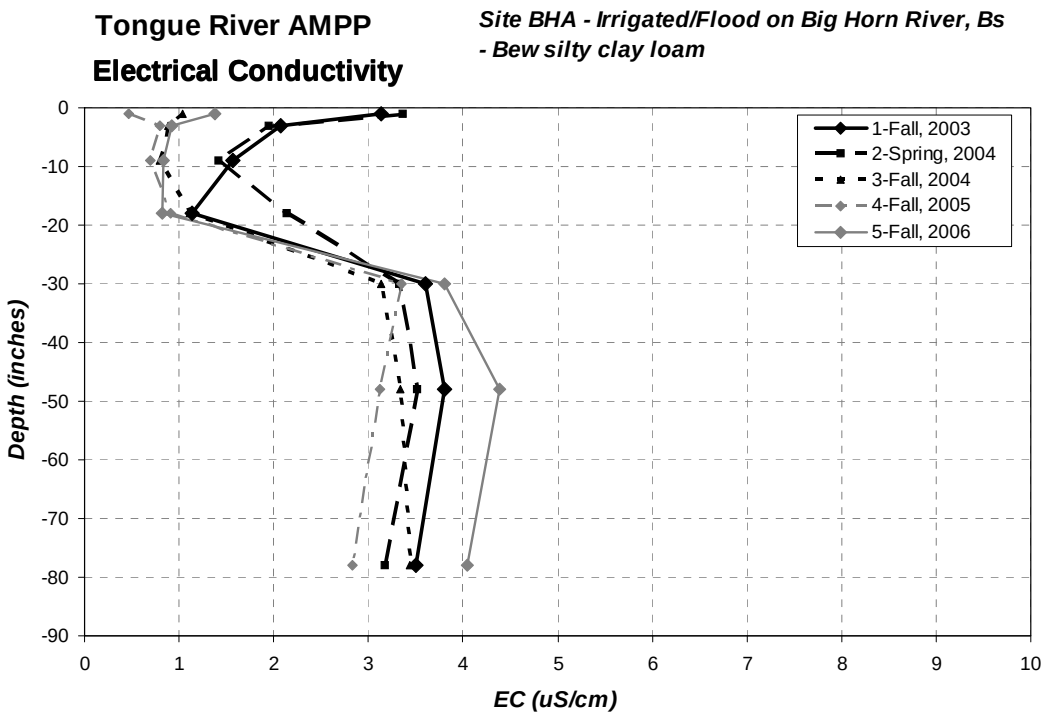

Figure 6-61. Trends in EC with depth for site BHA.

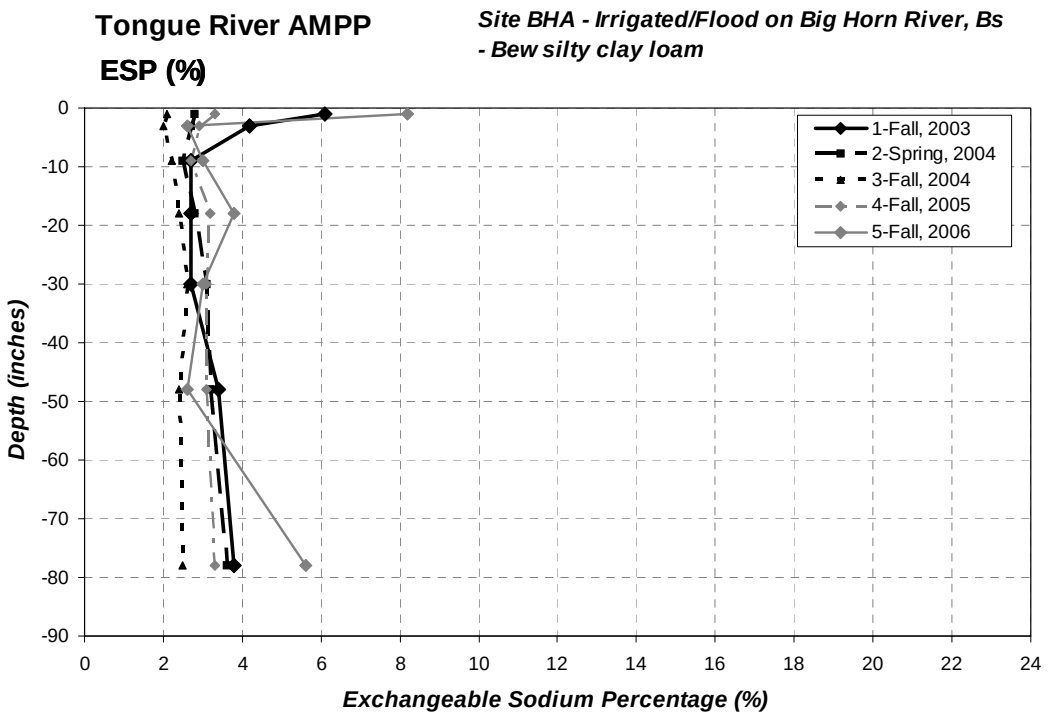

Figure 6-62. Trends in ESP with depth for site BHA.

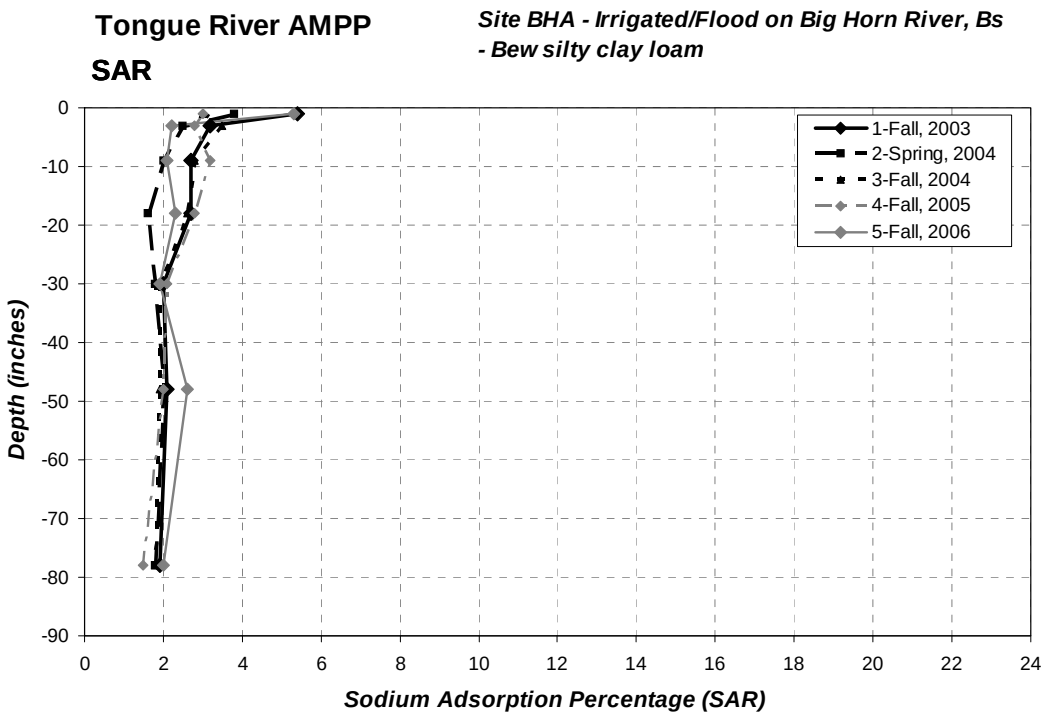

Figure 6-63. Trends in SAR with depth for site BHA.

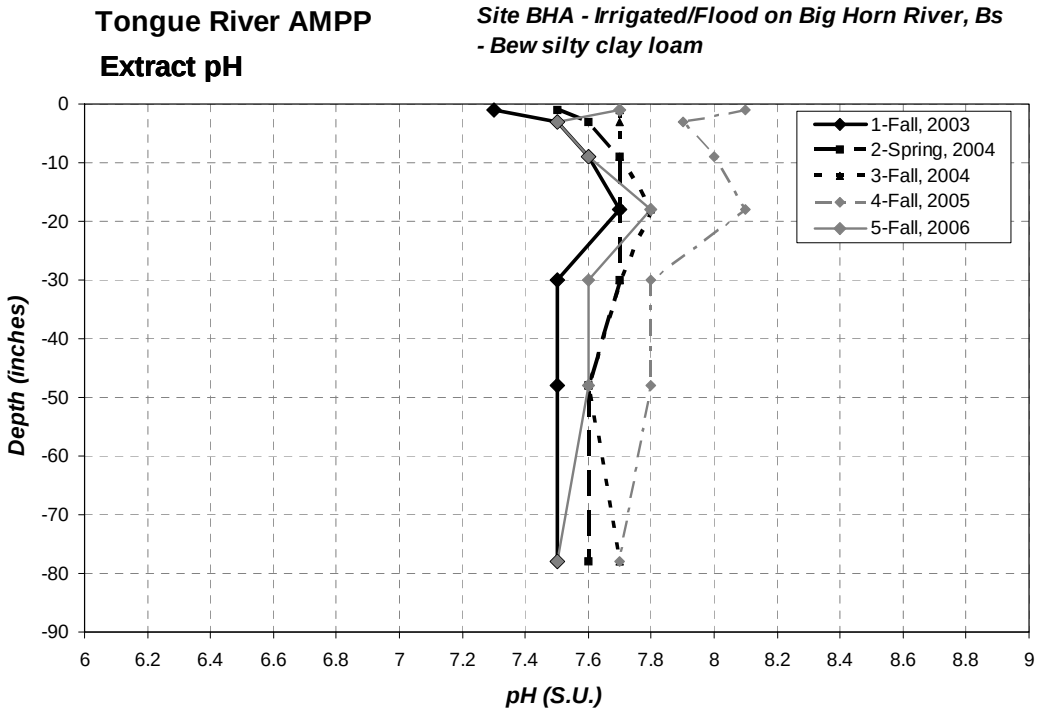

Figure 6-64. Trends in pH with depth for site BHA.

7.0 Summary

- Ten Tongue River fields irrigated with water from the Tongue River are being monitored for their baseline soil chemistry and to detect soil chemical changes that may occur through time.
- AMPP consists of three tiers of sampling. Tier 1 soil sampling and crop monitoring is provided to facilitate development of crop systems management plans, provided as a service to participating growers. Tier 2, described in this report, is a systematic basin-wide soil sampling effort repeated each fall since 2003. Tier 3, described in a separate report, consists of test plots to evaluate irrigation with varying mixtures of CBNG produced water and Tongue River water.
- The Tier 2 fields represent a wide variety of cropping systems including alfalfa, grass, hay barley, and corn. Forage yields (grass, alfalfa, and alfalfa/grass) ranged from 1 to 6 tons/acre. Yields were comparable to average yields from Big Horn, Custer and Rosebud Counties in 2003 through 2006. Variations in crop yields observed between AMPP fields were not correlated to differences in salinity or sodium levels. Other factors, especially crop and irrigation management, appeared to more strongly affect yields.
- EC and SAR of Tongue River irrigation water varies seasonally in response to the quantity of surface water flow. During high flow periods in May and June when surface water is dominated by snowmelt of mountain snowpack, EC and SAR are lowest. At other times of the year, groundwater baseflow, which is higher in EC and SAR, provide a larger proportion of flow.
- EC and SAR of irrigation water vary between years in response to average precipitation. Wet years have lower EC and SAR than dry years. There is a tendency for EC and SAR to gradually increase in a downstream direction. Despite these seasonal, annual, and spatial variations in EC and SAR, the Tongue River generally meets Montana irrigation water quality standards, except below the T&Y Diversion Dam. The hydrology of the Tongue River is described in more detail in HydroSolutions (2007) report.
- Since water from CBNG operations contains excessive levels of sodium, sodium content of plant tissue may provide an early indication of CBNG effects. Plant tissue samples collected from irrigated crops and forages did not show a trend of increasing sodium levels indicating that CBNG activity is not affecting major ion uptake (including sodium) by crops.
- Irrigated soils that are clay in texture and have a predominance of swelling clays (e.g. smectite) are known to be more susceptible to the adverse effects of sodium. Tongue River AMPP soils are not high-clay, and do not have predominantly smectite clays. Scientific literature indicates that the "safe" level of SAR in irrigation water for these soils would be 8 or higher (Bauder, no date).
- Soils monitored in the AMPP program were non-saline and non-sodic to a depth of 3 feet according to criteria developed by the Brown Salinity Lab.
- Irrigated Tongue River soils are mostly loam, or silty clay loam in texture, and have an average clay content of about 26 % near surface decreasing to about 19 % at 48 inches

in depth. Clay-textured soils (e.g. with more than 40 % clay sized particles in the < 2 mm sized fraction) are scarce in the Tongue River floodplain.

- AMPP soils are generally non-saline and non-sodic near surface. The average EC is about 1.2 dS/m in the upper 6 inches and increases to around a maximum EC of around 4 dS/m at 36 inches in depth, and gradually decrease to 3 dS/m at 8 feet. The ESP is less than 2 % in the upper 6 inches and increases with depth to 7% at 60 inches.
- Despite these generalizations, soils monitored in Tier 2 varied significantly between sites, and most soil properties exhibited some characteristic pattern with depth. The spatial differences between AMPP soils did not appear to relate to the location of CBNG activities, but appeared to be caused by random variation in soil properties caused by the variable nature of river flood deposits that the soils formed in, and due to differences in agronomic management.
- There were no statistically significant changes in pH, EC, or SAR through time in the AMPP soils. Similar results have occurred for the four non-Tongue River irrigated fields. ESP levels showed a statistically significant decrease between the 2004 and 2005 samples, which may have been due to greater quantity of available rainfall and irrigation water in 2005 than in previous years. ESP remained low in 2006. Variations in the measured CEC of irrigated soils, which are attributed to variable laboratory performance, only accounts for a small portion of the ESP decrease. This trend will be closely monitored in subsequent years.

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Appendices

Appendix A – AMPP Flyer sent to Tongue River Irrigators

AMPP
Agronomic Monitoring and Protection Program

To sign up for the program, please return the card included in this mailing in the self-addressed envelope. We will contact you to schedule a sampling and consultation. Please feel free to call with your questions at 1-877-771-1677.

See us at the Eastern Montana Fair!! Neal Fehringer, Kevin Harvey, and Dr. Bill Schafer will be available at the Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City. They will be in the Exhibition Hall at a booth answering questions regarding the Agronomic Monitoring & Protection Program from 1 to 6 pm on Friday, August 22; and, from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, August 23. Stop by and have an ice cold water or pop and we'll answer your questions and discuss any concerns you may have. Look for the booth with the big blue AMPP banner.

AMPP
Agronomic Monitoring and Protection Program

From: Neal Fehringer, Certified Professional Agronomist (CPAg)
Kevin Harvey, Certified Professional Soil Scientist (CPSSc)
Dr. Bill Schafer, Soil Scientist

Date: August 15, 2003

Fidelity Exploration & Production Company has engaged our services to collect baseline soil and crop data in your area. This information will help you and Fidelity (along with the State and Federal Agencies who monitor coalbed natural gas development) better understand the potential affects of coalbed natural gas (CBNG) development on your soils and irrigated crops. Additionally, the information gathered through the Tongue River Agronomic Monitoring and Protection Program (AMPP) will give you the opportunity to improve and protect your operations. We are requesting your voluntary participation in this program.

To gather the necessary baseline data, we have designed the AMPP which includes collecting soil and crop samples throughout the Tongue River drainage. In designing this sampling program we have sought advice and review from scientists affiliated with Montana State University and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. We hope that landowners throughout the basin, like yourself, will allow us to gather these samples from their irrigated fields. The sampling and analysis, which is free to you, will not only provide information essential to understanding the potential impacts of development, but it will also provide data and analysis valuable to your crop production. Specifically, this service will provide you factual documentation of your crop yields and soil characteristics such as nutrient availability, electrical conductivity (EC), and sodium adsorption ratio (SAR) prior to the full development of CBNG production. The data and analysis you will receive from this free testing program will also include a detailed agronomic assessment of the field(s) we test.

To complete this assessment, a composite soil sample will be collected from the field and the overall crop or forage conditions will be evaluated. Neal Fehringer, a Certified Professional Agronomist, will then provide ranch-specific recommendations. The detailed plan will discuss:

- Fertilizer
- Soil amendments
- Stand establishment
- Seeding rates, dates and depth
- Weed, disease and insect control
- Cropping rotations
- Varieties
- How to deal with problem soils

This comprehensive agronomic assessment will allow you to better understand your soil chemistry and methods of crop management. With your permission, this agronomic assessment can be repeated in the future thereby enabling Fidelity and yourself to further understand the impacts of water discharges from CBNG production.

If you currently irrigate 80 or more acres using water from the Tongue River, you are eligible for this free service. Additionally, irrigators using water from tributaries to the Tongue River, especially Hanging Woman, Otter Creek and Pumpkin Creek may also be eligible.

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Q&A

...with Fidelity Exploration & Production Company

Responses by:
Bruce Williams, Vice President of Operations
Fidelity Exploration & Production Company

Does the creation of this program mean that Fidelity believes impacts will occur from its water discharges into the Tongue River?

The best information we have to-date indicates our discharge of unaltered groundwater into the Tongue River has not had and will not have a negative impact on irrigated land downstream from our operations. However, we would like to gather scientifically sound baseline data at the early stages of development to be able to track any significant changes if they occur and to spot them early on. That's the reason for the AMPP. Every human activity, whether it's grazing cattle, irrigating alfalfa or extracting natural gas – has impacts. The issue is whether the impacts are significant enough to create damage or whether they can be managed in a way to minimize or eliminate it.

About the testing itself, how intrusive is it? How long will you need to be on my land doing the actual testing?

Prior to conducting any testing, Neal Fahringer, Kevin Harvey, and Dr. Bill Schafer would like to meet with individual landowners for the purpose of discussing where to conduct the testing, meaning which field or fields, and how that testing will be conducted. For most fields, the soil sampling program would be identical to that used by fertilizer dealers. Kevin and Bill would like to take composite soil samples using a truck-mounted 2" boring tool from three different depths at 5 to10 different locations across a field. In eight to ten instances the sampling would be more detailed and analysis would be done by excavating one to two backhoe pits to a 6 to 8 foot depth in addition to collecting the composite sample. To minimize any impacts, they will use a rubber-tired backhoe, will select the location of the pit under the landowner's direction, and will reclaim the area where the pit is excavated. Depending upon the outcome of their discussions with individual landowners, they estimate that the time they would need to complete this testing would be no more than half a day. During that time period, Neal will further conduct a crop yield analysis through conversations with the landowner and a field investigation.

When will the initial testing be done?

We would like to complete the testing this September.

You mention that follow-up testing will be done to determine if damage has occurred. Will this testing also be free of charge to the participating landowners? And, when do you think this testing will be done?

Neal, Kevin, and Bill believe that conducting additional testing next spring is essential to understanding the dynamics of increased discharge from Fidelity's operations and seasonal variabilities. Additionally, periodic sampling may be continued throughout the period of CBNG development as long as a significant number of landowners want to continue to participate in the program. Again, this testing would be free and would be conducted with the cooperation of the landowner.

Who created this program?

The Tongue River Agronomic Monitoring and Protection Program was designed by Neal Fahringer, Kevin Harvey and Dr. Bill Schafer.

Neal is a Certified Professional Agronomist and has been providing agronomic services in the region for over 20 years. He was accredited as a Certified Crop Advisor in 1995, and a Certified Professional Agronomist in 1998, by the American Society of Agronomy. He also served on the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station State Advisory Commission from 1996 to 1999 and on the Southern Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Advisory Committee from 1990 to 1999.

Kevin Harvey is a board Certified Professional Soil Scientist (also by the American Society of Agronomy) and has 23 years experience providing environmental consulting services to the private and public sector throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe. Mr. Harvey's technical strengths are in soil science, land reclamation, surface water chemistry and hydrology, and general environmental problem solving.

Bill Schafer earned a Ph.D. in Soil Science from Montana State University in 1979 and has managed over 300 environmental projects involving mining, irrigated agriculture, hazardous waste remediation and petroleum development. Dr. Schafer's expertise includes mine reclamation, water quality, soil science, irrigated and dryland agricultural systems, and surface water, groundwater, and

unsaturated zone hydrology. While on the faculty at Montana State University (1976 to 1985) and the Cooperative Extension Service (1980 to 1985), Dr. Schafer's responsibilities included identification and management of saline and sodic soils, irrigation water quality, and soil fertility.

How did you select the scientists which designed the AMPP?

Your question goes to the heart of a larger question of "whose science do you trust." I understand where some people might be skeptical of scientists hired by industry given the amount of misinformation that has been distributed by those that oppose CBNG development. Be assured that our scientists have the highest integrity and are impartial. We are asking them to use their knowledge and education to determine the actual characteristics of the land, crops, and soils. We are not asking them to provide data that proves our position. We don't operate that way. We are not telling them what to do, or how to do it.

To participating landowners, we will split the samples that are retrieved so – if you choose – you can have your own tests done by whomever you select. This testing, of course, needs to be done at your expense. In order to produce scientifically valid data, certain testing protocols must be followed. If you desire to test the split sample, we will provide the information for this protocol.

Additionally, we have asked scientists from Montana State University and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to become cooperators in the program. Incidentally, we have also invited scientists that have worked with the Northern Plains Resource Council to participate in this program alongside us, but they declined our invitation.

Isn't it true that you want this information in order to defend Fidelity against litigation brought forward by the Northern Plains Resource Council, the Tongue River Water Users' Association, and the Montana Environmental Information Center?

Yes, this is true. In 2001, these organizations sued the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Fidelity. The organizations alleged that the Department's issuance of Fidelity's permit violated state laws and the constitution and specifically, that the discharge of unaltered groundwater authorized by Fidelity's permit has caused, is causing, and will cause harm to the environment. (Tongue River Water Users' Association, et al. v. Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Fidelity Exploration & Production Company, CDV-2001-258). As part of our legal discovery process Fidelity believes we need to gather scientific data to determine if our discharges have caused harm or will cause harm in the future. However, Fidelity also believes this information is essential as we move forward with production so that all of us can base our decisions on the facts rather than speculation or exaggeration.

We did seek access to gather this scientific data on lands owned by members of these organizations, but their attorneys denied us access stating they did not believe the information we are seeking is relevant to the litigation. Unfortunately, District Court Judge Jeffrey Sherlock agreed that the information was not relevant. While this legal battle continues, we are attempting to gather this baseline data through these voluntary means.

We simply do not understand why these organizations would deny us the right to gather this information. The information will be useful to agricultural producers and to CBNG developers. If these groups are right about CBNG development, this information would prove their claims. Since they want to obstruct us from getting this information, we think they believe, as we do, that it will disprove their claims. In essence, these groups don't want us – or you – to get the information that proves our point that damage has not occurred.

But, aside from these legal issues, it just makes good common sense to gather this information in order to create baseline data for the future. Regardless of litigation implications, Fidelity intends to continue with this program in order to make sure that its discharges will not negatively impact your soils or crop production.

How will Fidelity use the data that is collected from this program? Will the information be made public?

We would also like to publish a summary of the data in an annual publication, which will be distributed to cooperators, local Conservation Districts and NRCS offices for the benefits of all agricultural producers. If you like, the location of your field can be protected by using a code to refer to each sample. In this way only you, and not your neighbor, will know your results or that you have participated in the program. The information gathered through the AMPP could also potentially be used by Fidelity to defend itself in the litigation mentioned in the previous question as well as in possible future actions. Through this litigation, it is possible that the information will be available to the public in court records, which are available to the media.

Appendix B – Quality Assurance Sample Results

Table B-1. AMPP blind field duplicate analyses for suite 1.

Site	AveDep	Sample	QA	Collection Date	1 : Saturation Percentage	1 : pH (Paste)	1 : Electrical Conductivity (Paste)	1 : Calcium (Paste)	1 : Magnesium (Paste)	1 : Sodium (Paste)	1 : Sodium Adsorption Ratio	1 : Alkalinity (Paste)	1 : Chloride (Paste)
BA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	43.4	7.7	1.61	6.82	5.47	4.94	2	4	0.71
BA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	46.8	7.7	1.86	7.62	6.39	4.48	1.7	3.2	1.27
BA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	36.8	7.7	1.76	5.36	4.32	6.72	3	ND (1)	
BA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	35.4	7.7	1.66	5.23	4.1	6.27	2.9	ND (1)	
BC	-48	10	BFD	15-Oct-03	66.1	7.8	6.9	19.9	15	34.3	8.2	2.8	
BC	-48	50	QA	15-Oct-03	64.5	7.8	6.66	18.9	14	32.2	7.9	3	
BD	-48	10	BFD	21-Oct-03	47	8	3.24	10	10.6	16	5	2.9	
BD	-48	50	QA	21-Oct-03	44.2	7.9	4.89	18.9	17.6	20.9	4.9	3.5	
BHA	-18	10	BFD	22-Oct-03	56.1	7.7	1.14	3	1.8	4.2	2.7	3.3	
BHA	-18	50	QA	22-Oct-03	56	7.7	1.08	4	2	4.4	2.5	4	
BHA	-18	10	BFD	07-Sep-04	64.4	7.8	1.11	4.44	2.42	4.9	2.6	2	1.33
BHA	-18	50	QA	07-Sep-04	57	7.9	1.1	4.55	2.33	4.78	2.6	2	1.21
DA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	29	8	8.85	18.6	20.8	67.9	15	ND (1)	
DA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	29.4	8.2	11.4	19.4	28.6	102	21	ND (1)	
DA	-48	10	BFD	11-Oct-03	35.1	8.1	6.09	7.7	11.9	51.1	16	2.8	
DA	-48	50	QA	11-Oct-03	32	8.1	6.03	7.7	12	49.2	16	3.4	
DA	-30	10	BFD	27-Oct-05	30.7	8	7.55	14.3	18	68.3	17		
DA	-30	50	QA	27-Oct-05	30.2	7.9	7.63	16	17.3	57.4	14		
DB [1]	0	50	QA	11-Oct-03	81.5	8.9	19.7	11.6	17.9	196	51	8	
DB [1]	-9	1	BFD	11-Oct-03	70.8	8.4	18.9	24.6	29.4	169	33	5.2	
EA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	51.8	7.6	4.6	24.6	21.2	13.1	2.7	4	0.56
EA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	52.7	7.7	3.09	15.9	13.3	10.9	2.8	4	0.28
EA	-48	50	QA	10-Oct-03	45.1	7.9	4.2	10.2	18.2	18.8	5	2.4	
EA	-48	10	BFD	10-Oct-03	50.1	7.9	5.58	17.4	28.1	26.7	5.6	2.4	
EA	-30	10	BFD	26-Oct-05	51.5	7.7	3.14	12.3	13.1	11.2	3.2		
EA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05	51.9	7.7	4.53	19.8	23.7	25.8	5.5		
GA	-19	1	BFD	08-Oct-03	61.3	7.9	0.63	2.7	1.3	1.8	1.3	2	
GA	-19	50	QA	08-Oct-03	61.8	7.9	0.72	3.2	1.5	1.9	1.3	2.3	
GA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	40.4	7.8	4.71	12.9	21.6	20.8	5	ND (1)	
GA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	39.1	7.8	6.19	17.2	26.9	28.3	6	ND (1)	
GA	-48	10	BFD	30-Apr-04	31.4	8	5.98	16.8	28.4	30	6.3	2.4	1.83
GA	-48	50	QA	30-Apr-04	33.7	8.2	7.4	18.9	38	48.9	9.2	2.2	2.68
GA	-78	10	BFD	08-Oct-03	30.5	8.1	1.37	2.4	3.2	7	4.2	3	
GA	-78	51	QA	08-Oct-03	31	8.1	1.4	2.6	3.4	7.2	4.1	2.8	
GA	-30	10	BFD	26-Oct-05	41.8	7.8	4.16	12.3	18.1	20.9	5.4		
GA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05	42.4	7.8	6.12	18.5	29	34.5	7.1		
GC [2]	0	50	QA	09-Oct-03	27.4	8.1	0.59	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.2	2.6	
GC [2]	-78	10	BFD	09-Oct-03	27.4	8	0.64	2.7	2	1.9	1.2	2.9	
LA	-18	10	BFD	02-Oct-03	47.4	7.8	4.33	21.7	18.8	22.1	4.9	2.9	
LA	-18	50	QA	02-Oct-03	48.7	7.8	3.57	19.9	15.8	13.9	3.3	2.8	
LA	-30	10	BFD	25-Oct-05	44.9	7.7	6.06	24	32.1	31.7	6		
LA	-30	50	QA	25-Oct-05	43.1	7.7	5.76	22.7	28.7	25.9	5.1		
MA	-3	10	BFD	01-Oct-03	41.3	7.4	0.81	4.4	2.1	2.6	1.5	5.5	
MA	-3	50	QA	01-Oct-03	41.2	7.8	0.7	3.6	1.8	1.5	0.9	4.6	
MA	-8	1	BFD	01-Oct-03	40.6	7.6	0.72	4.7	2.3	0.8	0.4	3.2	
MA	-8	52	QA	01-Oct-03	42	7.7	0.7	3.7	1.9	0.8	0.4	2.7	
MA	-30	10	BFD	01-Oct-03	41.9	7.7	3.61	15.5	28.3	13.3	2.8	2.5	
MA	-30	53	QA	01-Oct-03	43.8	7.9	3.3	11.5	24.2	11.4	2.7	2.4	
MA	-30	10	BFD	12-Oct-04	40	7.7	5.53	15.3	42.1	17.5	3.3	2.4	
MA	-30	50	QA	12-Oct-04	39	7.7	6.38	18.4	48.7	20.2	3.5	2	
MB	-3	10	BFD	30-Sep-03	40.8	7.5	0.81	3.7	3	1.5	0.8	5.5	
MB	-3	50	QA	30-Sep-03	39.6	7.5	0.86	3.5	3	1.7	0.9	5.5	
MB	-48	10	BFD	30-Apr-04	47	7.9	3.95	22.6	23	8.34	1.7	1.6	0.42
MB	-48	50	QA	30-Apr-04	45.7	7.9	3.61	16.5	19.5	8.77	2.1	1.6	0.56
OAA	-1	10	BFD	09-Oct-03	51.3	7.7	0.88	5.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	8.1	
OAA	-1	50	QA	09-Oct-03	52.1	7.7	0.83	5.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	8	
YAA	-9	10	BFD	14-Oct-03	49.4	7.7	1.1	4.1	3.3	4	2.1	4.8	
YAA	-9	51	QA	14-Oct-03	50.7	7.7	1.04	3.6	2.8	3.5	2	4.6	
YAA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	49.1	7.8	1.73	6.55	6.16	7.06	2.8	1.2	0.28
YAA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	48.7	7	1.66	5.36	5.26	6.52	2.8	4	0.42
YAA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	52.1	7.9	2.92	5.17	4.54	19.1	8.7	ND (1)	
YAA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	50.8	7.9	2.27	4.41	3.65	13.8	6.9	3.5	
YAA	-40	1	BFD	14-Oct-03	32.9	8.1	2.07	2.4	3.9	13.4	7.5	5.8	
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YAA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05	48.9	7.8	2.17	4.86	3.91	13.2	6.3		
YAA	-30	10	BFD	27-Oct-05	49.8	7.8	2.25	5.19	5.05	16.5	7.3		
YBA	-48	10	BFD	20-Oct-03	54.5	7.9	2.42	5.2	3.5	15.5	7.4	4	
YBA	-48	50	QA	20-Oct-03	56.7	7.9	2.18	4.6	3.1	12.6	6.4	4	
YBA	-30	10	BFD	28-Oct-05	44	7.7	3.33	10.9	8.2	21.6	7		
YBA	-30	50	QA	28-Oct-05	44.9	7.6	2.66	8.7	6.41	17.9	6.5		

Table B-2. AMPP blind field duplicate analyses for suite 2.

Site	AveDep	Sample	QA	Collection Date	2 : Cation Exchange Capacity	2 : Exchangeable Sodium	2 : Exchangeable Sodium Percentage	2 : Lime as CaCO3	2 : Sand	2 : Silt	2 : Clay	2 : Texture
BA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	19	0.62	2.1	6.1	27	52	21	SiL (0)
BA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	18.1	1.02	4.5	6.4	25	53	22	SiL (0)
BA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	13.4	0.8	5.7	5.8	45	41	14	L (0)
BA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	12.7	0.8	6.7	5.8	45	40	15	L (0)
BC	-48	10	BFD	15-Oct-03	39.1	4.1	4.8	9.4	5	49	46	SiC (0)
BC	-48	50	QA	15-Oct-03	37	4.2	5.8	9.6	5	50	45	SiC (0)
BD	-48	10	BFD	21-Oct-03	27.2	2.2	4.6	8.1	20	58	22	SiL (0)
BD	-48	50	QA	21-Oct-03	28	2.4	3.9	8.6	19	58	23	SiL (0)
BHA	-18	10	BFD	22-Oct-03	37	1.2	2.7	7.6	3	45	52	SiC (0)
BHA	-18	50	QA	22-Oct-03	35	1.6	3.8	5.8	10	44	46	SiC (0)
BHA	-18	10	BFD	07-Sep-04	36.1	1.19	2.4	4.9	9	40	51	
BHA	-18	50	QA	07-Sep-04	27.8	1.2	3.3	5.3	2	45	53	
DA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	9.83	1.7	17	7.4	61	29	10	SL (0)
DA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	9.67	2	20	7.2	62	29	9	SL (0)
DA	-48	10	BFD	11-Oct-03	13.2	3.2	10	6.9	69	21	10	SL (0)
DA	-48	50	QA	11-Oct-03	12.9	3.5	15	6.6	64	24	12	SL (0)
DA	-30	10	BFD	27-Oct-05	11.8	0.4	3.7	8	67	27	6	
DA	-30	50	QA	27-Oct-05	9.95	0.7	2	7.1	68	24	8	
DB [1]	0	50	QA	11-Oct-03	21.8	18.1	9.9	7.7	9	64	27	SiCL (0)
DB [1]	-9	1	BFD	11-Oct-03	26.7	13.7	6.6	7.9	8	62	30	SiCL (0)
EA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	26.3	1.83	4.4	7.2	13	51	36	SiCL (0)
EA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	22.2	1.3	3.2	7.1	19	50	31	SiCL (0)
EA	-48	50	QA	10-Oct-03	26.4	2.2	5	8	32	42	26	L (0)
EA	-48	10	BFD	10-Oct-03	24.2	2.3	4	8.1	30	42	28	CL (0)
EA	-30	10	BFD	26-Oct-05	31.2	0.9	2.8	9.9	20	52	28	
EA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05	32.6	0.8	2.4	9.3	21	48	31	
GA	-19	1	BFD	08-Oct-03	40.1	0.7	1.5	6.2	ND (1)	54	46	SiC (0)
GA	-19	50	QA	08-Oct-03	40.4	0.8	1.6	6.6	ND (1)	52	48	SiC (0)
GA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	17.7	1	5.9	6.7	43	39	18	L (0)
GA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	17.9	1.5	8.5	6.7	42	39	19	L (0)
GA	-48	10	BFD	30-Apr-04	9.97	1.76	8.2	5.9	59	30	11	SL (0)
GA	-48	50	QA	30-Apr-04	12.5	3.02	11	6.5	51	34	15	L (0)
GA	-78	10	BFD	08-Oct-03	17	0.9	3.8	5.3	76	16	8	SL (0)
GA	-78	51	QA	08-Oct-03	12.6	0.8	4.5	5.1	75	17	8	SL (0)
GA	-30	10	BFD	26-Oct-05	20.6	1.2	5.7	7.3	38	44	18	
GA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05	20.4	1.1	5.4	7.4	42	42	16	
GC [2]	0	50	QA	09-Oct-03	15.7	0.6	3.2	9.6	62	26	12	SL (0)
GC [2]	-78	10	BFD	09-Oct-03	17.6	0.6	3.4	8.1	52	32	16	L (0)
LA	-18	10	BFD	02-Oct-03	36.2	2.3	3.6	8.2	23	50	27	CL (0)
LA	-18	50	QA	02-Oct-03	40.3	1.9	3.1	7.9	26	49	25	L (0)
LA	-30	10	BFD	25-Oct-05	22.3	0.9	3.9	7.7	40	40	20	
LA	-30	50	QA	25-Oct-05	22.3	1.1	5	7.8	42	37	21	
MA	-3	10	BFD	01-Oct-03	26.3	0.6	2	8.6	26	50	24	SiL (0)
MA	-3	50	QA	01-Oct-03	32.3	0.7	1.9	8.4	25	51	24	SiL (0)
MA	-8	1	BFD	01-Oct-03	22.3	0.6	2.3	9.6	24	54	22	SiL (0)
MA	-8	52	QA	01-Oct-03	33	0.5	1.3	9.7	25	53	22	SiL (0)
MA	-30	10	BFD	01-Oct-03	25.3	1.5	3.9	10	28	48	24	L (0)
MA	-30	53	QA	01-Oct-03	29.5	1.5	3.3	10.2	30	47	23	L (0)
MA	-30	10	BFD	12-Oct-04	25.5	1.2	4.8	10.7	29	51	20	SiL (0)
MA	-30	50	QA	12-Oct-04	25.6	1.5	5.8	10.6	33	50	17	SiL (0)
MB	-3	10	BFD	30-Sep-03	35.5	0.6	1.5	1.2	26	45	29	CL (0)
MB	-3	50	QA	30-Sep-03	34.8	0.7	1.8	1.3	28	43	29	CL (0)
MB	-48	10	BFD	30-Apr-04	20.8	1.35	4.6	7.1	29	43	28	CL (0)
MB	-48	50	QA	30-Apr-04	22.7	1.26	3.8	7.1	31	39	30	CL (0)
OAA	-1	10	BFD	09-Oct-03	29.6	0.5	1.7	8.1	28	47	25	L (0)
OAA	-1	50	QA	09-Oct-03	32.8	0.4	1.1	10.4	29	47	24	L (0)
YAA	-9	10	BFD	14-Oct-03	30.9	1.1	3	7	28	50	22	SiL (0)
YAA	-9	51	QA	14-Oct-03	34.6	0.9	2	7	27	48	25	L (0)
YAA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	24.9	1.42	4.3	4.4	29	43	28	CL (0)
YAA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	27.1	1.4	4	4.2	25	47	28	CL (0)
YAA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04	27	2.1	8	4.9	26	45	29	CL (0)
YAA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04	27.4	2	7.3	4.8	28	46	26	L (0)
YAA	-40	1	BFD	14-Oct-03	26.2	2.1	6.2	7.6	44	38	18	L (0)
YAA	-40	50	QA	14-Oct-03	29.3	2	5	7.7	45	38	17	L (0)
YAA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05	31.4	1.6	10	4.3	26	47	27	
YAA	-30	10	BFD	27-Oct-05	33	1.7	5.1	5.3	26	47	27	
YBA	-48	10	BFD	20-Oct-03	30.7	2.7	5.9	6.7	18	56	26	SiL (0)
YBA	-48	50	QA	20-Oct-03	34.9	2.8	6.1	6.6	16	53	31	SiCL (0)
YBA	-30	10	BFD	28-Oct-05	30.8	1.3	4.1	7	21	60	19	
YBA	-30	50	QA	28-Oct-05	32.5	1.3	4	6.9	19	61	20	

Table B-3. AMPP blind field duplicate analyses for suite 3 through 5.

Site	AveDep	Sample	QA	Collection Date	3 : Nitrate as N	3 : Sulfate (Paste)	4 : Organic Matter	4 : Phosphorus	4 : Potassium	4 : Zinc	6 : Barium	6 : Boron	6 : Fluoride	6 : Selenium
BA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	44.5	9.62								
BA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	52.6	11.7								
BA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04										
BA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04										
BC	-48	10	BFD	15-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
BC	-48	50	QA	15-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
BD	-48	10	BFD	21-Oct-03						0.5	ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
BD	-48	50	QA	21-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
BHA	-18	10	BFD	22-Oct-03	2.9	6.2								
BHA	-18	50	QA	22-Oct-03	5	5.6								
BHA	-18	10	BFD	07-Sep-04	3.4	8.08								
BHA	-18	50	QA	07-Sep-04	2.3	8.18								
DA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04										
DA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04										
DA	-48	10	BFD	11-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
DA	-48	50	QA	11-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (2)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
DA	-30	10	BFD	27-Oct-05										
DA	-30	50	QA	27-Oct-05										
DB [1]	0	50	QA	11-Oct-03										
DB [1]	-9	1	BFD	11-Oct-03	1.9	228								
EA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	< 0.1	57.6								
EA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	< 0.6	35.7								
EA	-48	50	QA	10-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
EA	-48	10	BFD	10-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
EA	-30	10	BFD	26-Oct-05										
EA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05										
GA	-19	1	BFD	08-Oct-03	3.3	3.6								
GA	-19	50	QA	08-Oct-03	7.1	3.6								
GA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04										
GA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04										
GA	-48	10	BFD	30-Apr-04							1	1.6	1.5	0.11
GA	-48	50	QA	30-Apr-04							0.66	1.5	1.8	0.12
GA	-78	10	BFD	08-Oct-03										
GA	-78	51	QA	08-Oct-03										
GA	-30	10	BFD	26-Oct-05										
GA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05										
GC [2]	0	50	QA	09-Oct-03										
GC [2]	-78	10	BFD	09-Oct-03										
LA	-18	10	BFD	02-Oct-03	0.3	58.8								
LA	-18	50	QA	02-Oct-03	0.7	47.4								
LA	-30	10	BFD	25-Oct-05										
LA	-30	50	QA	25-Oct-05										
MA	-3	10	BFD	01-Oct-03	1.5	2.4	2.32	8.8	521	0.6	ND (5)	0.5	ND (1)	ND (0.01)
MA	-3	50	QA	01-Oct-03	1.2	2	2.2	8.7	524	0.53	ND (5)	0.5	ND (1)	0.01
MA	-8	1	BFD	01-Oct-03	34.8	1.8								
MA	-8	52	QA	01-Oct-03	22.1	1.7								
MA	-30	10	BFD	01-Oct-03										
MA	-30	53	QA	01-Oct-03							ND (5)	0.6	1.1	0.01
MA	-30	10	BFD	12-Oct-04										
MA	-30	50	QA	12-Oct-04										
MB	-3	10	BFD	30-Sep-03	7.9	1.6	2	14	483	0.22	ND (5)	0.5	ND (1)	ND (0.01)
MB	-3	50	QA	30-Sep-03	7.5	1.8	1.8	12	518	0.22	ND (5)	0.5	1.1	0.01
MB	-48	10	BFD	30-Apr-04							0.6	1.2	1.2	0.081
MB	-48	50	QA	30-Apr-04							0.58	1.3	1.3	0.058
OAA	-1	10	BFD	09-Oct-03										
OAA	-1	50	QA	09-Oct-03										
YAA	-9	10	BFD	14-Oct-03	1	5.2								
YAA	-9	51	QA	14-Oct-03	0.9	4.2								
YAA	-18	10	BFD	14-Apr-04	10.4	16.6								
YAA	-18	50	QA	14-Apr-04	2.7	14.3								
YAA	-30	10	BFD	13-Oct-04										
YAA	-30	50	QA	13-Oct-04										
YAA	-40	1	BFD	14-Oct-03										
YAA	-40	50	QA	14-Oct-03										
YAA	-30	50	QA	26-Oct-05										
YAA	-30	10	BFD	27-Oct-05										
YBA	-48	10	BFD	20-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
YBA	-48	50	QA	20-Oct-03							ND (5)	ND (1)	ND (1)	ND (0.05)
YBA	-30	10	BFD	28-Oct-05										
YBA	-30	50	QA	28-Oct-05										

Table B-4. AMPP blind field duplicate relative percent difference for suite 1 data pairs.

Site	AveDep	Sample	QA	Collection Date	1 : Saturation Percentage	1 : pH (Paste)	1 : Electrical Conductivity (Paste)	1 : Calcium (Paste)	1 : Magnesium (Paste)	1 : Sodium (Paste)	1 : Sodium Adsorption Ratio	1 : Alkalinity (Paste)	1 : Bicarbonate (Paste)	1 : Carbonate (Paste)	1 : Chloride (Paste)
MB	-3	10	BFD	09/30/03	3%	0%	6%	6%	0%	13%	12%	0%	no data	no data	no data
MA	-30	10	BFD	10/01/03	4%	3%	9%	30%	16%	15%	4%	4%	no data	no data	no data
MA	-8	1	BFD	10/01/03	3%	1%	3%	24%	19%	0%	0%	17%	no data	no data	no data
MA	-3	10	BFD	10/01/03	0%	5%	15%	20%	15%	54%	50%	18%	no data	no data	no data
LA	-18	10	BFD	10/02/03	3%	0%	19%	9%	17%	46%	39%	4%	no data	no data	no data
GA	-78	10	BFD	10/08/03	2%	0%	2%	8%	6%	3%	2%	7%	no data	no data	no data
GA	-19	1	BFD	10/08/03	1%	0%	13%	17%	14%	5%	0%	14%	no data	no data	no data
GC 2	0	50	QA	10/09/03	0%	1%	8%	8%	11%	5%	0%	11%	no data	no data	no data
OAA	-1	10	BFD	10/09/03	2%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	no data	no data	no data
EA	-48	50	QA	10/10/03	11%	0%	28%	52%	43%	35%	11%	0%	no data	no data	no data
DA	-48	10	BFD	10/11/03	9%	0%	1%	0%	1%	4%	0%	19%	no data	no data	no data
DB 1	0	50	QA	10/11/03	14%	6%	4%	72%	49%	15%	43%	42%	no data	no data	no data
YAA	-40	1	BFD	10/14/03	18%	0%	3%	8%	7%	4%	7%	10%	no data	no data	no data
YAA	-9	10	BFD	10/14/03	3%	0%	6%	13%	16%	13%	5%	4%	no data	no data	no data
BC	-48	10	BFD	10/15/03	2%	0%	4%	5%	7%	6%	4%	7%	no data	no data	no data
YBA	-48	10	BFD	10/20/03	4%	0%	10%	12%	12%	21%	14%	0%	no data	no data	no data
BD	-48	10	BFD	10/21/03	6%	1%	41%	62%	50%	27%	2%	19%	no data	no data	no data
BHA	-18	10	BFD	10/22/03	0%	0%	5%	29%	11%	5%	8%	19%	no data	no data	no data
YAA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	1%	11%	4%	20%	16%	8%	0%	108%	no data	no data	40%
EA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	2%	1%	39%	43%	46%	18%	4%	0%	no data	no data	67%
BA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	8%	0%	14%	11%	16%	10%	16%	22%	no data	no data	57%
MB	-48	10	BFD	04/30/04	3%	0%	9%	31%	16%	5%	21%	0%	no data	no data	29%
GA	-48	10	BFD	04/30/04	7%	2%	21%	12%	29%	48%	37%	9%	no data	no data	38%
BHA	-18	10	BFD	09/07/04	12%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	0%	0%	no data	no data	9%
MA	-30	10	BFD	10/12/04	3%	0%	14%	18%	15%	14%	6%	18%	no data	no data	no data
BA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	4%	0%	6%	2%	5%	7%	3%	no data	no data	no data	no data
DA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	1%	2%	25%	4%	32%	40%	33%	no data	no data	no data	no data
GA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	3%	0%	27%	29%	22%	31%	18%	no data	no data	no data	no data
YAA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	3%	0%	25%	16%	22%	32%	23%	no data	no data	no data	no data
DA	-30	10	BFD	10/27/05	2%	1%	1%	11%	4%	17%	19%	no data	22%	no data	no data
EA	-30	10	BFD	10/26/05	1%	0%	36%	47%	58%	79%	53%	no data	41%	no data	no data
GA	-30	10	BFD	10/26/05	1%	0%	38%	40%	46%	49%	27%	no data	9%	no data	no data
LA	-30	10	BFD	10/25/05	4%	0%	5%	6%	11%	20%	16%	no data	10%	no data	no data
YAA	-30	10	BFD	10/27/05	2%	0%	4%	7%	25%	22%	15%	no data	32%	no data	no data
YBA	-30	10	BFD	10/28/05	2%	1%	22%	22%	25%	19%	7%	no data	11%	no data	no data
			Average RPD (%)		4.1%	1.1%	13.6%	19.8%	19.5%	19.8%	14.3%	14.1%	20.9%	no data	39.8%
			Completeness (%)		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	71%	17%	0%	17%

Table B-5. AMPP blind field duplicate relative percent difference for suite 2 data pairs.

Site	AveDep	Sample	QA	Collection Date	2 : Cation Exchange Capacity	2 : Exchangeable Sodium	2 : Exchangeable Sodium Percentage	2 : Lime as CaCO3	2 : Sand	2 : Silt	2 : Clay	2 : Texture
MB	-3	10	BFD	09/30/03	2%	15%	18%	8%	7%	5%	0%	match
MA	-30	10	BFD	10/01/03	15%	0%	17%	2%	7%	2%	4%	match
MA	-8	1	BFD	10/01/03	39%	18%	56%	1%	4%	2%	0%	match
MA	-3	10	BFD	10/01/03	20%	15%	5%	2%	4%	2%	0%	match
LA	-18	10	BFD	10/02/03	11%	19%	15%	4%	12%	2%	8%	L vs CL
GA	-78	10	BFD	10/08/03	30%	12%	17%	4%	1%	6%	0%	match
GA	-19	1	BFD	10/08/03	1%	13%	6%	6%	no data	4%	4%	match
GC 2	0	50	QA	10/09/03	11%	0%	6%	17%	18%	21%	29%	L vs SL
OAA	-1	10	BFD	10/09/03	10%	22%	43%	25%	4%	0%	4%	match
EA	-48	50	QA	10/10/03	9%	4%	22%	1%	6%	0%	7%	L vs CL
DA	-48	10	BFD	10/11/03	2%	9%	40%	4%	8%	13%	18%	match
DB 1	0	50	QA	10/11/03	20%	28%	40%	3%	12%	3%	11%	match
YAA	-40	1	BFD	10/14/03	11%	5%	21%	1%	2%	0%	6%	match
YAA	-9	10	BFD	10/14/03	11%	20%	40%	0%	4%	4%	13%	SiL vs L
BC	-48	10	BFD	10/15/03	6%	2%	19%	2%	0%	2%	2%	match
YBA	-48	10	BFD	10/20/03	13%	4%	3%	2%	12%	6%	18%	SiL vs SiCL
BD	-48	10	BFD	10/21/03	3%	9%	16%	6%	5%	0%	4%	match
BHA	-18	10	BFD	10/22/03	6%	29%	34%	27%	108%	2%	12%	match
YAA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	8%	1%	7%	5%	15%	9%	0%	match
EA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	17%	34%	32%	1%	38%	2%	15%	match
BA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	5%	49%	73%	5%	8%	2%	5%	match
MB	-48	10	BFD	04/30/04	9%	7%	19%	0%	7%	10%	7%	match
GA	-48	10	BFD	04/30/04	23%	53%	29%	10%	15%	13%	31%	L vs SL
BHA	-18	10	BFD	09/07/04	26%	1%	32%	8%	127%	12%	4%	match
MA	-30	10	BFD	10/12/04	0%	22%	19%	1%	13%	2%	16%	match
BA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	5%	0%	16%	0%	0%	2%	7%	match
DA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	2%	16%	16%	3%	2%	0%	11%	match
GA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	1%	40%	36%	0%	2%	0%	5%	match
YAA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	1%	5%	9%	2%	7%	2%	11%	L vs CL
DA	-30	10	BFD	10/27/05	17%	55%	60%	12%	1%	12%	29%	no data
EA	-30	10	BFD	10/26/05	4%	12%	15%	6%	5%	8%	10%	no data
GA	-30	10	BFD	10/26/05	1%	9%	5%	1%	10%	5%	12%	no data
LA	-30	10	BFD	10/25/05	0%	20%	25%	1%	5%	8%	5%	no data
YAA	-30	10	BFD	10/27/05	5%	6%	65%	21%	0%	0%	0%	no data
YBA	-30	10	BFD	10/28/05	5%	0%	2%	1%	10%	2%	5%	no data
			Average RPD (%)		10.0%	15.8%	25.1%	5.5%	14.0%	4.6%	8.9%	no data
			Completeness (%)		100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%	100%	83%

Table B-6. AMPP blind field duplicate relative percent difference for suite 3 through 5 data pairs.

Site	AveDep	Sample	QA	Collection Date	3 : Nitrate as N	3 : Sulfate (Paste)	4 : Organic Matter	4 : Phosphorus	4 : Potassium	4 : Zinc	6 : Barium	6 : Boron	6 : Fluoride	6 : Selenium	RPD
MB	-3	10	BFD	09/30/03	5%	12%	11%	15%	7%	0%	no data	0%	no data	no data	7%
MA	-30	10	BFD	10/01/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	9%
MA	-8	1	BFD	10/01/03	45%	6%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	14%
MA	-3	10	BFD	10/01/03	22%	18%	5%	1%	1%	12%	no data	0%	no data	no data	13%
LA	-18	10	BFD	10/02/03	80%	21%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	18%
GA	-78	10	BFD	10/08/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	7%
GA	-19	1	BFD	10/08/03	73%	0%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	11%
GC 2	0	50	QA	10/09/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	10%
OAA	-1	10	BFD	10/09/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	8%
EA	-48	50	QA	10/10/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	15%
DA	-48	10	BFD	10/11/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	9%
DB 1	0	50	QA	10/11/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	24%
YAA	-40	1	BFD	10/14/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	7%
YAA	-9	10	BFD	10/14/03	11%	21%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	11%
BC	-48	10	BFD	10/15/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	5%
YBA	-48	10	BFD	10/20/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	9%
BD	-48	10	BFD	10/21/03	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17%
BHA	-18	10	BFD	10/22/03	53%	10%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	21%
YAA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	118%	15%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	21%
EA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	no data	47%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	24%
BA	-18	10	BFD	04/14/04	17%	20%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	19%
MB	-48	10	BFD	04/30/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	3%	8%	8%	33%	11%
GA	-48	10	BFD	04/30/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	41%	6%	18%	9%	22%
BHA	-18	10	BFD	09/07/04	39%	1%	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	16%
MA	-30	10	BFD	10/12/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	11%
BA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	4%
DA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	13%
GA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	15%
YAA	-30	10	BFD	10/13/04	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	11%
DA	-30	10	BFD	10/27/05	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	18%
EA	-30	10	BFD	10/26/05	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	25%
GA	-30	10	BFD	10/26/05	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17%
LA	-30	10	BFD	10/25/05	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	9%
YAA	-30	10	BFD	10/27/05	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	14%
YBA	-30	10	BFD	10/28/05	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	9%
			Average RPD (%)		46.2%	15.6%	7.9%	8.3%	3.8%	6.2%	22.2%	3.6%	13.1%	20.9%	13.5%
			Completeness (%)		29%	31%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	11%	6%	6%	51%

Appendix C – Tier 2 Analysis of Variance Results

Table C-1. Analysis of variance for Tier 2 AMPP results to determine whether results vary by site, time of sampling, or depth.

Analysis of Variance Results	pH (Paste) Method ASAM10-3_2	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	Clay % Method ASA15-5	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	Sand % Method ASA15-5	Silt % Method ASA15-5
Site by Time	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Time	X							X		X	X		
Site X Time	X										X		
Site by Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Site X Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Depth by Time	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Depth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Time	X							X		X	X		
Depth X Time													

Table C-2. Analysis of variance for Tier 2 AMPP results to determine whether results vary by time of sampling, or depth (factors shown in red cause statistically significant variation).

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	13	34	0	17	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-	455	34	13	4	0
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	14,342	34	422	4	0
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	1,862	34	55	1	0.086
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	7,323	34	215	5	0
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	23,948	34	704	4	0
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	1,561	34	46	5	0
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	11,500	34	338	7	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	6,598	34	194	2	0
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,872	34	55	8	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	130	34	4	4	0
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	107	34	3	1	0.283
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	42,073	34	1,237	5	0
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	16,298	34	479	7	0
Intercept	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	20,564	1	20,564	873,473	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-	2,352	1	2,352	697	0
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	722,460	1	722,460	6,718	0
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	27,624	1	27,624	693	0
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	25,501	1	25,501	536	0
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	58,345	1	58,345	306	0
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	5,228	1	5,228	538	0
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	215,608	1	215,608	4,241	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	179,083	1	179,083	2,302	0
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	6,862	1	6,862	960	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	744	1	744	823	0
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	17,320	1	17,320	6,274	0
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	407,939	1	407,939	1,771	0
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	654,394	1	654,394	9,757	0
DEPTH	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	10	6	2	73	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-	439	6	73	22	0
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	12,513	6	2,086	19	0
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	1,562	6	260	7	0
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	7,004	6	1,167	25	0
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	22,592	6	3,765	20	0
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	1,478	6	246	25	0
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	8,766	6	1,461	29	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	5,794	6	966	12	0
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,440	6	240	34	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	119	6	20	22	0
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	53	6	9	3	0.005
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	40,740	6	6,790	29	0
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	15,962	6	2,660	40	0
TIME	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	3	4	1	28	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	5	4	1	0	0.831
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	546	4	136	1	0.282
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	179	4	45	1	0.346
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	86	4	22	0	0.77
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	168	4	42	0	0.927
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	28	4	7	1	0.574
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	2,450	4	613	12	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	622	4	156	2	0.094
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	313	4	78	11	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	6	4	2	2	0.157
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	47	4	12	4	0.002
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	862	4	215	1	0.444
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	126	4	32	0	0.757

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
DEPTH * TIME	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	0	24	0	1	0.933
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	10	24	0	0	1
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	1,282	24	53	0	0.979
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	121	24	5	0	1
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	232	24	10	0	1
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	1,188	24	50	0	1
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	55	24	2	0	1
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	283	24	12	0	1
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	181	24	8	0	1
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	118	24	5	1	0.864
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	5	24	0	0	1
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	7	24	0	0	1
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	472	24	20	0	1
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	209	24	9	0	1
Error	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	7	315	0		
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	1,063	315	3		
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	33,873	315	108		
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	12,559	315	40		
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	14,992	315	48		
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	60,047	315	191		
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	3,063	315	10		
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	16,014	315	51		
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	24,503	315	78		
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	2,251	315	7		
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	285	315	1		
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	870	315	3		
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	72,551	315	230		
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	21,126	315	67		
Total	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	20,585	350			
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	3,869	350			
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	770,675	350			
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	42,045	350			
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	47,815	350			
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	142,340	350			
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	9,851	350			
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	243,123	350			
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	210,183	350			
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	10,984	350			
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	1,158	350			
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	18,296	350			
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	522,563	350			
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	691,818	350			
Corrected Total	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	21	349			
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	1,517	349			
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	48,215	349			
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	14,421	349			
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	22,315	349			
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	83,995	349			
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	4,623	349			
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	27,514	349			
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	31,100	349			
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	4,122	349			
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	415	349			
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	976	349			
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	114,624	349			
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	37,424	349			

a *R Squared = .642 (Adjusted R Squared = .603)*
b *R Squared = .300 (Adjusted R Squared = .224)*
c *R Squared = .297 (Adjusted R Squared = .222)*
d *R Squared = .129 (Adjusted R Squared = .035)*
e *R Squared = .328 (Adjusted R Squared = .256)*
f *R Squared = .285 (Adjusted R Squared = .208)*
g *R Squared = .338 (Adjusted R Squared = .266)*
h *R Squared = .418 (Adjusted R Squared = .355)*
i *R Squared = .212 (Adjusted R Squared = .127)*
j *R Squared = .454 (Adjusted R Squared = .395)*

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	6.3	49	0.128	2.652	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	599.9	49	12.242	4.004	0
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	19,394.7	49	395.809	4.12	0
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	5,969.7	49	121.83	4.324	0
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	6,162.9	49	125.773	2.336	0
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	35,279.8	49	719.995	4.434	0
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	2,033.4	49	41.498	4.807	0
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	14,712.7	49	300.259	7.036	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	17,275.3	49	352.557	7.65	0
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,704.0	49	34.775	4.314	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	154.4	49	3.152	3.63	0
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	718.9	49	14.672	17.119	0
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	53,014.1	49	1081.921	5.268	0
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	13,408.4	49	273.641	3.418	0
Intercept	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	20,564.0	1	20564.05	427230.9	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	2,351.5	1	2351.514	769.016	0
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	722,459.7	1	722459.7	7520.346	0
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	27,623.7	1	27623.73	980.529	0
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	25,500.8	1	25500.79	473.649	0
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	58,344.9	1	58344.94	359.304	0
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	5,228.1	1	5228.147	605.627	0
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	215,608.4	1	215608.4	5052.619	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	179,082.5	1	179082.5	3886.019	0
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	6,861.6	1	6861.629	851.233	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	743.6	1	743.609	856.548	0
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	17,319.8	1	17319.82	20207.58	0
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	407,938.9	1	407938.9	1986.393	0
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	654,394.2	1	654394.2	8174.672	0
SITE	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	1.9	9	0.212	4.4	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	563.9	9	62.65	20.488	0
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	17,183.1	9	1909.236	19.874	0
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	5,173.5	9	574.832	20.404	0
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	5,608.3	9	623.14	11.574	0
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	33,550.1	9	3727.792	22.957	0
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	1,889.9	9	209.987	24.325	0
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	10,542.6	9	1171.4	27.451	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	16,190.2	9	1798.915	39.036	0
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,085.0	9	120.557	14.956	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	132.5	9	14.724	16.96	0
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	584.6	9	64.956	75.786	0
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	51,086.0	9	5676.225	27.639	0
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	12,257.8	9	1361.982	17.014	0
TIME	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	2.6	4	0.649	13.483	0
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	5.0	4	1.243	0.406	0.804
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	546.0	4	136.499	1.421	0.227
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	178.9	4	44.724	1.588	0.178
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	86.4	4	21.594	0.401	0.808
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	167.5	4	41.883	0.258	0.905
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	28.2	4	7.062	0.818	0.514
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	2,450.5	4	612.62	14.356	0
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	622.2	4	155.554	3.375	0.01
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	313.4	4	78.347	9.719	0
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	6.0	4	1.507	1.736	0.142
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	47.2	4	11.795	13.762	0
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	861.5	4	215.381	1.049	0.382

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	126.2	4	31.546	0.394	0.813
SITE * TIME	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	1.8	36	4.87E-02	1.011	0.456
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	31.1	36	0.863	0.282	1
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	1,665.5	36	46.265	0.482	0.995
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	617.3	36	17.147	0.609	0.964
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	468.2	36	13.006	0.242	1
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	1,562.1	36	43.392	0.267	1
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	115.3	36	3.203	0.371	1
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	1,719.6	36	47.767	1.119	0.3
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	462.9	36	12.857	0.279	1
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	305.6	36	8.488	1.053	0.392
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	15.9	36	0.441	0.508	0.992
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	87.2	36	2.421	2.825	0
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	1,066.6	36	29.627	0.144	1
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	1,024.4	36	28.455	0.355	1
Error	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	14.4	300	4.81E-02		
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	917.3	300	3.058		
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	28,820.2	300	96.067		
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	8,451.7	300	28.172		
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	16,151.7	300	53.839		
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	48,715.0	300	162.383		
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	2,589.8	300	8.633		
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	12,801.8	300	42.673		
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	13,825.1	300	46.084		
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	2,418.2	300	8.061		
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	260.4	300	0.868		
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	257.1	300	0.857		
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	61,610.0	300	205.367		
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	24,015.4	300	80.051		
Total	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	20,584.7	350			
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	3,868.7	350			
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	770,674.5	350			
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	42,045.1	350			
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	47,815.4	350			
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	142,339.7	350			
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	9,851.3	350			
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	243,122.8	350			
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	210,183.0	350			
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	10,983.8	350			
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	1,158.5	350			
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	18,295.9	350			
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	522,563.0	350			
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	691,818.0	350			
Corrected Total	**pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2**	20.7	349			
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	1,517.2	349			
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	48,214.9	349			
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	14,421.4	349			
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	22,314.6	349			
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	83,994.8	349			
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	4,623.2	349			
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	27,514.5	349			
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	31,100.5	349			
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	4,122.2	349			
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	414.9	349			
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	976.1	349			
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	114,624.1	349			
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	37,423.8	349			

a *R Squared = .302 (Adjusted R Squared = .188)*
b *R Squared = .395 (Adjusted R Squared = .297)*
c *R Squared = .402 (Adjusted R Squared = .305)*
d *R Squared = .414 (Adjusted R Squared = .318)*
e *R Squared = .276 (Adjusted R Squared = .158)*
f *R Squared = .420 (Adjusted R Squared = .325)*
g *R Squared = .440 (Adjusted R Squared = .348)*
h *R Squared = .535 (Adjusted R Squared = .459)*
i *R Squared = .555 (Adjusted R Squared = .483)*
j *R Squared = .413 (Adjusted R Squared = .318)*

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Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	14	69	0.2	8.775	-
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	1,351	69	19.6	32.907	-
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	37,267	69	540.1	13.814	-
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	11,299	69	163.8	14.687	-
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	19,186	69	278.1	24.89	-
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	74,737	69	1,083.2	32.761	-
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	4,191	69	60.7	39.312	-
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	21,539	69	312.2	14.627	-
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	28,283	69	409.9	40.74	-
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	2,985	69	43.3	10.646	-
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	366	69	5.3	30.405	-
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	770	69	11.2	15.15	-
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	108,162	69	1,567.6	67.919	-
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	33,441	69	484.7	34.076	-
Intercept	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	20,564	1	20,564.0	879879.687	-
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	2,352	1	2,351.5	3953.074	-
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	722,460	1	722,459.7	18477.54	-
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	27,624	1	27,623.7	2477.502	-
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	25,501	1	25,500.8	2282.586	-
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	58,345	1	58,344.9	1764.72	-
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	5,228	1	5,228.1	3384.084	-
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	215,608	1	215,608.4	10103.073	-
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	179,083	1	179,082.5	17798.918	-
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	6,862	1	6,861.6	1688.814	-
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	744	1	743.6	4262.215	-
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	17,320	1	17,319.8	23517.755	-
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	407,939	1	407,938.9	17674.994	-
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	654,394	1	654,394.2	46010.035	-
SITE	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	2	9	0.2	9.062	-
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	564	9	62.7	105.319	-
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	17,183	9	1,909.2	48.83	-
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	5,173	9	574.8	51.555	-
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	5,608	9	623.1	55.778	-
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	33,550	9	3,727.8	112.752	-
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	1,890	9	210.0	135.921	-
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	10,543	9	1,171.4	54.89	-
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	16,190	9	1,798.9	178.793	-
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,085	9	120.6	29.672	-
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	133	9	14.7	84.396	-
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	585	9	65.0	88.201	-
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	51,086	9	5,676.2	245.937	-
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	12,258	9	1,362.0	95.76	-
DEPTH	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	10	6	1.7	73.768	-
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	439	6	73.2	123.061	-
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	12,513	6	2,085.6	53.34	-
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	1,562	6	260.3	23.35	-
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	7,004	6	1,167.4	104.493	-
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	22,592	6	3,765.3	113.887	-
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	1,478	6	246.3	159.425	-
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	8,766	6	1,461.1	68.464	-
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	5,794	6	965.7	95.978	-
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,440	6	240.1	59.088	-
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	119	6	19.9	114.086	-
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	53	6	8.8	11.958	-
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	40,740	6	6,789.9	294.192	-
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	15,962	6	2,660.4	187.049	-

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Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
SITE * DEPTH	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	2	54	0.0	1.506	0.0190
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	348	54	6.4	10.821	-
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	7,570	54	140.2	3.586	-
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	4,564	54	84.5	7.58	-
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	6,574	54	121.7	10.897	-
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	18,595	54	344.4	10.416	-
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	823	54	15.2	9.864	-
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	2,230	54	41.3	1.935	-
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	6,299	54	116.6	11.594	-
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	459	54	8.5	2.093	-
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	114	54	2.1	12.109	-
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	132	54	2.5	3.33	-
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	16,336	54	302.5	13.107	-
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	5,221	54	96.7	6.798	-
Error	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	7	280	0.0		
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	167	280	0.6		
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	10,948	280	39.1		
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	3,122	280	11.2		
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	3,128	280	11.2		
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	9,257	280	33.1		
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	433	280	1.5		
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	5,975	280	21.3		
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	2,817	280	10.1		
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	1,138	280	4.1		
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	49	280	0.2		
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	206	280	0.7		
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	6,462	280	23.1		
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	3,982	280	14.2		
Total	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	20,585	350			
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	3,869	350			
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	770,675	350			
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	42,045	350			
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	47,815	350			
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	142,340	350			
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	9,851	350			
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	243,123	350			
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	210,183	350			
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	10,984	350			
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	1,158	350			
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	18,296	350			
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	522,563	350			
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	691,818	350			
Corrected Total	pH (Paste) s_u_ Method ASAM10-3_2	21	349			
	Electrical Conductivity (Paste) mmhos/cm Method ASAM10-3	1,517	349			
	Saturation Percentage wt% Method USDA27a	48,215	349			
	Calcium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	14,421	349			
	Magnesium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	22,315	349			
	Sodium (Paste) meq/l Method SW6010B	83,995	349			
	Sodium Adsorption Ratio unitless Method Calculation	4,623	349			
	Cation Exchange Capacity meq/100g Method SW6010B	27,514	349			
	Clay % Method ASA15-5	31,100	349			
	Exchangeable Sodium Percentage % Method USDA20b	4,122	349			
	Extractable Sodium meq/100g Method SW6010B	415	349			
	Lime as CaCO3 wt% Method USDA23c	976	349			
	Sand % Method ASA15-5	114,624	349			
	Silt % Method ASA15-5	37,424	349			

a *R Squared = .684 (Adjusted R Squared = .606)*
b *R Squared = .890 (Adjusted R Squared = .863)*
c *R Squared = .773 (Adjusted R Squared = .717)*
d *R Squared = .784 (Adjusted R Squared = .730)*
e *R Squared = .860 (Adjusted R Squared = .825)*
f *R Squared = .906 (Adjusted R Squared = .883)*
g *R Squared = .783 (Adjusted R Squared = .729)*
h *R Squared = .909 (Adjusted R Squared = .887)*