

Hydric Soils

Henderson County, Kentucky

This report lists only those map unit components that are rated as hydric. Dashes (---) in any column indicate that the data were not included in the database. Definitions of hydric criteria codes are included at the end of the report.

Map symbol and map unit name	Component	Percent of map unit	Landform	Hydric rating	Hydric criteria
Bc:					
Birds silty clay loam (melvin)	Melvin, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Dekoven, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Waverly, occasionally flooded	2	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Melvin, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4
Bd:					
Birds silt loam	Birds, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Dekoven, occasionally flooded	5	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Birds, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4
Bk:					
Breaks and alluvial land (wheeling)	Wheeling, (hydric)	2	Flood plains	Yes	4
BrA:					
Bruno loamy fine sand, 0 to 4 percent slopes	Bruno, (hydric)	3	Flood plains	Yes	4
BrC:					
Bruno loamy fine sand, 4 to 10 percent slopes	Bruno, (hydric)	3	Flood plains	Yes	4
CnA:					
Captina silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (otwell)	Otwell, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4
CnB:					
Captina silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes (otwell)	Otwell, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4
De:					
Dekoven silt loam	Dekoven, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Waverly, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Dekoven, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4

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Dk:					
Dekoven silty clay loam	Dekoven, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Waverly, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Dekoven, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4
Dw:					
Dekoven and Wakeland silt loams	Dekoven, occasionally flooded	50	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Waverly, occasionally flooded	2	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Dekoven, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4
	Wakeland, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4
Ea:					
Egam silt loam	Egam, (hydric)	3	Flood plains	Yes	4
Ec:					
Egam silty clay loam	Egam, (hydric)	3	Flood plains	Yes	4
Gn:					
Ginat silt loam	Ginat, rarely flooded	90	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Ginat, frequently flooded	1	Stream terraces	Yes	2, 4
Go:					
Ginat silty clay loam	Ginat, rarely flooded	90	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Ginat, frequently flooded	1	Stream terraces	Yes	2, 4
HnA:					
Huntington fine sandy loam, 0 to 4 percent slopes (grigsby)	Grigsby, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4
HsA:					
Huntington silt loam, 0 to 4 percent slopes	Huntington, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4

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HsC:					
Huntington silt loam, 4 to 16 percent slopes	Huntington, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4
Kc:					
Karnak silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	Karnak, rarely flooded	90	Lake terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, rarely flooded	5	Lake terraces	Yes	2
Kr:					
Karnak silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Karnak, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Melvin, occasionally flooded	5	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Bonnie, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
Ks:					
Karnak silty clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Karnak, frequently flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Melvin, frequently flooded	5	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Bonnie, frequently flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
Ld:					
Lindside silt loam	Lindside, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4
Le:					
Lindside silty clay loam	Lindside, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4
Ma:					
Made land	Made land, (hydric)	10	Flood plains	Yes	4
MkE:					
Markland soils, 12 to 35 percent slopes	Markland, (hydric)	5	Terraces	Yes	4
Ml:					
McGary silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	Karnak, rarely flooded	5	Lake terraces	Yes	2
Mn:					
Melvin silty clay loam	Melvin, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Ginat, rarely flooded	3	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, frequently flooded	2	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4

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Ne:					
Newark silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Melvin, occasionally flooded	2	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Newark, frequent(hydric)	1	Flood plains, Sloughs	Yes	4
Ns:					
Newark silty clay loam	Melvin, occasionally flooded	5	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Newark, (hydric)	1	Flood plains	Yes	4
Pa:					
Patton silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded	Patton, rarely flooded	90	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Montgomery, rarely flooded	4	Stream terraces	Yes	2
Po:					
Patton silt loam, overwash, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Patton, occasionally flooded, overwash	90	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Montgomery, occasionally flooded, overwash	4	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
Ps:					
Patton silty clay loam	Patton, rarely flooded	90	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Dekoven, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Patton, frequently flooded	1	Stream terraces	Yes	2, 4
Ra:					
Riverwash	Riverwash, (hydric)	10	Flood plains	Yes	4
Rn:					
Robertsville silt loam	Robertsville, rarely flooded	90	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Ginat, rarely flooded	3	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Robertsville, frequently flooded	1	Stream terraces	Yes	2, 4
SeA:					
Sciotoville silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (otwell flooded)	Otwell, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4

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SeB: Sciotoville silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes (otwell flooded)	Otwell, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4
So:					
Sharkey silty clay loam, overwash	Sharkey, overwash, occasionally flooded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Birds, overwash, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Dekoven, overwash, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Sharkey, overwash, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 4
Sw:					
Swamp (melvin ponded)	Melvin, ponded	90	Flood plains	Yes	2, 3, 4
	Ginat, rarely flooded	5	Stream terraces	Yes	2
	Melvin, frequently flooded	1	Flood plains	Yes	2, 3
Ta:					
Taft silt loam (weinbach)	Weinbach, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4
uBe1A:					
Belknap silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Bonnie, occasionally flooded	4	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Belknap, frequently (hydric)	2	Flood plains	Yes	4
uBonA:					
Bonnie silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Bonnie, occasionally flooded	80	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Melvin, occasionally flooded	8	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Piopolis, occasionally flooded	3	Flood plains	Yes	2
uHayA:					
Haymond silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Melvin, occasionally flooded	2	Flood plains	Yes	2

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uMeIA:					
Melvin silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Melvin, occasionally flooded	75	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Bonnie, occasionally flooded	10	Flood plains	Yes	2
	Petrolia, occasionally flooded	5	Flood plains	Yes	2
uRobA:					
Robbs silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Weir	2	Flats	Yes	2
uWakA:					
Wakeland silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Melvin, occasionally flooded	5	Flood plains	Yes	2
Wh:					
Weinbach silt loam	Weinbach, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4
WpA:					
Wheeling silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (elk flooded)	Elk, (hydric)	1	Stream terraces	Yes	4

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This table lists the map unit components that are rated as hydric soils in the survey area. This list can help in planning land uses; however, onsite investigation is recommended to determine the hydric soils on a specific site (National Research Council, 1995; Hurt and others, 2002).

The three essential characteristics of wetlands are hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology (Cowardin and others, 1979; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1987; National Research Council, 1995; Tiner, 1985). Criteria for all of the characteristics must be met for areas to be identified as wetlands. Undrained hydric soils that have natural vegetation should support a dominant population of ecological wetland plant species. Hydric soils that have been converted to other uses should be capable of being restored to wetlands.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (Federal Register, 1994). These soils, under natural conditions, are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2003) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and others, 2002).

Hydric soils are identified by examining and describing the soil to a depth of about 20 inches. This depth may be greater if determination of an appropriate indicator so requires. It is always recommended that soils be excavated and described to the depth necessary for an understanding of the redoximorphic processes. Then, using the completed soil descriptions, soil scientists can compare the soil features required by each indicator and specify which indicators have been matched with the conditions observed in the soil. The soil can be identified as a hydric soil if at least one of the approved indicators is present.

Map units that are dominantly made up of hydric soils may have small areas, or inclusions, of nonhydric soils in the higher positions on the landform, and map units dominantly made up of nonhydric soils may have inclusions of hydric soils in the lower positions on the landform.

The criteria for hydric soils are represented by codes in the table (for example, 2B3). Definitions for the codes are as follows:

1. All Histels except for Folistels, and Histosols except for Folists.
2. Soils in Aquic suborders, great groups, or subgroups, Albolls suborder, Historthels great group, Histoturbels great group, Pachic subgroups, or Cumulic subgroups that:
 - A. are somewhat poorly drained and have a water table at the surface (0.0 feet) during the growing season, or
 - B. are poorly drained or very poorly drained and have either:
 - 1) a water table at the surface (0.0 feet) during the growing season if textures are coarse sand, sand, or fine sand in all layers within a depth of 20 inches, or
 - 2) a water table at a depth of 0.5 foot or less during the growing season if permeability is equal to or greater than 6.0 in/hr in all layers within a depth of 20 inches, or
 - 3) a water table at a depth of 1.0 foot or less during the growing season if permeability is less than 6.0 in/hr in any layer within a depth of 20 inches.
3. Soils that are frequently ponded for long or very long duration during the growing season.
4. Soils that are frequently flooded for long or very long duration during the growing season.

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