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Deriving a dataset for agriculturally relevant soils from the Soil Landscapes of Canada (SLC) database for use in Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) simulations

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Table S1. Criteria for assignment of hydrologic soil group [Adapted from USDA-NRCS (1993)]. Acronyms: K_{sat} = saturated hydraulic conductivity; HSG = hydrologic soil groups.

Depth to water impermeable layer[1]	Depth to high water table[2]	K_{sat} of least transmissive layer in depth range	K_{sat} depth range	HSG[3]
<50 cm [<20 in]	–	–	–	D
50 to 100 cm [20 to 40 in]	<60 cm [<24 in]	>40.0 µm/s (>5.67 in/h)	0 to 60 cm [0 to 24 in]	A/D
		>10.0 to ≤40.0 µm/s (>1.42 to ≤5.67 in/h)	0 to 60 cm [0 to 24 in]	B/D
		>1.0 to ≤10.0 µm/s (>0.14 to ≤1.42 in/h)	0 to 60 cm [0 to 24 in]	C/D
		≤1.0 µm/s (≤0.14 in/h)	0 to 60 cm [0 to 24 in]	D
	≥60 cm [≥24 in]	>40.0 µm/s (>5.67 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	A
		>10.0 to ≤40.0 µm/s (>1.42 to ≤5.67 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	B
		>1.0 to ≤10.0 µm/s (>0.14 to ≤1.42 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	C
		≤1.0 µm/s (≤0.14 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	D
>100 cm [>40 in]	<60 cm [<24 in]	>10.0 µm/s (>1.42 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	A/D
		>4.0 to ≤10.0 µm/s (>0.57 to ≤1.42 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	B/D
		>0.40 to ≤4.0 µm/s (>0.06 to ≤0.57 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	C/D
		≤0.40 µm/s (≤0.06 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	D
	60 to 100 cm [24 to 40 in]	>40.0 µm/s (>5.67 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	A
		>10.0 to ≤40.0 µm/s (>1.42 to ≤5.67 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	B
		>1.0 to ≤10.0 µm/s (>0.14 to ≤1.42 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	C
		≤1.0 µm/s (≤0.14 in/h)	0 to 50 cm [0 to 20 in]	D
	>100 cm [>40 in]	>10.0 µm/s (>1.42 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	A
		>4.0 to ≤10.0 µm/s (>0.57 to ≤1.42 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	B
		>0.40 to ≤4.0 µm/s (>0.06 to ≤0.57 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	C
		≤0.40 µm/s (≤0.06 in/h)	0 to 100 cm [0 to 40 in]	D

[1]An impermeable layer has a K_{sat} less than 0.01 µm/s [0.0014 in/h] or a component restriction of fragipan; duripan; petrocalcic; orstein; petrogypsic; cemented horizon; densic material; placic; bedrock, paralithic; bedrock, lithic; bedrock, densic; or permafrost.

[2]High water table during any month during the year.

[3]Dual HSG classes are applied only for wet soils (water table less than 60 cm [24 in]). If these soils can be drained, a less restrictive HSG can be assigned, depending on the K_{sat}.

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