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## Physico-Mechanical Properties Of Irrigated Meadow Soils Of The Bukhara Region (On The Example Of The Zhandar District)

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### ABSTRACT

The article provides data on the physical and mechanical properties of irrigated meadow soils in the Zhandar region. Depending on the mechanical composition, the degree of salinity and cultivation, it varies within a wide range of physical and mechanical properties, there are certain differences caused by their genesis and regional characteristics.

### KEYWORDS

Land resources, agriculture, soil fertility, efficiency, mechanical composition, hardness, density, specific gravity, soil porosity, humus, solid residue, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium

### INTRODUCTION

A number of scientific studies are being carried out in the Republic aimed at further developing agriculture, preserving, reproducing, increasing soil fertility, efficiently using land resources, optimizing the ecological state, assessing the water-physical, technological,

agrochemical properties and the reclamation state of soils. In this plan, special attention is paid to the development of agrotechnical, agrophysical measures, taking into account soil and climatic conditions, the widespread use of scientific and practical achievements in

improving, restoring and increasing soil fertility. "Population growth over the next 35 years will require an increase in food production of about 60%." Development of scientifically based measures aimed at increasing soil fertility. Improving the efficiency of irrigated lands, protecting the soil cover from degradation processes and preventing them is one of the urgent tasks.

### Materials and Methods

This study was carried out in accordance with the priority direction of the development of science and technology in the republic. Irrigated soils, which are widespread in the Zhandar region, differ in their properties and characteristics not only in soil zones, but also in soil and climatic conditions. On the problem of studying soil fertility, its management and other properties, large-scale scientific research has been carried out both abroad and in our republic.

Irrigated soils of the Bukhara oasis not only differ in the properties of the steppe zone, they differ in climatic districts.

The morphogenetic structure, geographical distribution, reclamation state, agrophysical and agrochemical properties of the soils of the Bukhara oasis and other regions have been studied by many scientists, such as

K.Gafurov, S.A.Abdullaev [3.1982; p.130], U. Tozhiev [9.2004; p.158-159], X.T.Artikova [1.2005; p.28, 2.2019; p.62], M.A. Mazirov, S.V. Makarychev [6.2018; p.605], R. Kurvantaev [4. 2000; p.40, 5.2019; p.91-95], Nazarova S.M. [7.2016; p.60-66, 8.2018; p.187-190], Sharipov.O.B., Gafurorova L.A. [10.2018; p.76-79], Hakimova N., Kurvantaev R. [11. 2020; p.68-71] and others. However, scientific research on the study of the modern meliorative state, physical and mechanical properties of irrigated

meadow soils in the Zhandar region has not been carried out sufficiently.

The aim of the research is to develop recommendations for the correct organization of soil cultivation by determining the physical and mechanical properties and assessing the reclamation state of irrigated meadow soils common in the Zhandar region.

The studies were carried out in soil-field and analytical-laboratory conditions. The reliability of the data obtained was carried out using the Microsoft Excel program on the basis of the "Field experiment methodology" by B.A. Dospekhova.

### RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The irrigated meadow soils of the Zhandar District are heavy and medium loamy in terms of the content of water-soluble salts, not saline (dense residue 0.150-0.375%), in some places (mainly chlorine) slightly saline (0.014-0.031%).

In the studied soils, the humus content in the arable and subsoil layers is 0.94-0.63%. At the same time, in the lower layers, no sharp differences are observed in the humus content, and along the sections, the humus content is 0.41–0.30%.

The influence of the age of irrigation on the content of nutrient reserves (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) is clearly seen. In the irrigated meadow soils of the Zhandar region, nitrogen is 1.9–3.2 t / ha, phosphorus is 6.5–14.5 t / ha, potassium is 51.4–106.5 t / ha.

Physicomechanical properties of irrigated soils in the Zhandar region, it is noted that the soils are distinguished by their mechanical composition by their originality in administrative and geomorphological regions formed on alluvial deposits of the lower part of the river. Zarafshan. Basically, the mechanical

composition consists of the following particles: coarse sand (1-0.25mm), medium sand (0.25-0.1mm), and fine sand (0.1-0.05 mm). The mechanical composition of the soils of the Zhandar District is composed of sandy, sandy loam, light, medium, heavy loams.

The specific gravity is a stable unit; it depends on the chemical, mineralogical composition and on the supply of humus to the soil. In irrigated meadow soils in the lower reaches of the Zerafshan in the region, the specific weight is 2.58–2.66 g / cm<sup>3</sup>.

Bulk mass is a variable and different unit, depending on the various processes occurring in the soil.

In the upper arable layer from the soil, the bulk density varies between 1.27–1.63 g / cm<sup>3</sup>, depending on the humus content, texture, salinity and other properties. Among the upper

layers, the highest density (1.53–1.63 g / cm<sup>3</sup>) is observed in the soils of the Zhandar region.

Side panels of old-irrigated meadow soils, as a result of numerous visits of heavy equipment and non-observance of the irrigation regime, the optimal bulk density increases. It was determined that under the conditions of irrigated meadow soils, their density increases with weighting of the mechanical composition (Table 1).

In irrigated soils, the movement of water, the content of soluble salts, the retention of moisture, and the provision of air to the root system are directly related to the porosity of the soil. In the studied meadow soils, the total porosity, depending on the duration of irrigation, varies over the genetic layers of the profile (42–51%) within wide limits.

**Table 1**

Cutting depth, cm	0-35	35-50	50-75	75-105	105-132	132-180
Specific weight, g / cm <sup>3</sup>	2,58	2,67	2,64	2,60	2,66	2,66
Bulk weight, g / cm <sup>3</sup>	1,34	1,49	1,53	1,52	1,53	1,48
Total porosity,%	48	44	43	42	42	45

Soil hardness is a technological indicator of a property, it is of particular importance in fertility and soil. The hardness of the genetic soil layers in the Zhandar region, depending on the mechanical composition, layer moisture and density, varies from 5.1 to 16.7 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, high hardness values are confirmed by

the data obtained for the subsoil layers (Table 2).

The resisting density for the development of plant roots in deep layers is determined by the penetrometer device, the results obtained show in the Zhandar region along the vertical horizons is 72.5–350 kPa. The greatest

resistance is observed in the layer 105-132 cm (350 kPa).

**Table 2**

**Indicators of hardness of meadow soils of the Zhandar region**

Horizon depth, cm	Hardness, kg / cm <sup>2</sup>	Vertical depth, cm	Hardness vertical, kPa
0-35	7,8	10	72,5
35-50	16,7	20	155
50-75	6,1	30	232
75-105	5,8	40	237
105-132	5,1	50	350
132-180	5,7	60	300
		70	250

The soils widespread in various farms resists the development of the root system to varying degrees, especially there is a high resistance for plant roots of common soils in the Istiklal massif.

The content of agronomic valuable macro-aggregates in the arable layer of old-irrigated medium loamy meadow soils in the Zhandar region in the Istiklal massif is 52-73%.

**CONCLUSION**

1. Distributed in the lower part of the Bukhara oasis of soils, peculiar basic

morphological features were formed in the process of prolonged irrigation. Soils of geomorphological regions are characterized by their peculiarity in the mechanical composition of soils and consist of sandy loam, light-, medium-, heavy-loamy varieties, mainly consist of the following fractions: coarse, medium fine sand

2. The specific gravity in the genetic layers varies in the range of 2.56–2.67 g / cm<sup>3</sup>. The soils on the genetic horizons have different bulk density 1.27-1.63 g / cm<sup>3</sup>, the total porosity in the upper layer is satisfactory

(47-51%), in the lower layers there is an unsatisfactory condition (38-42%).

3. For genetic horizons, depending on the density and texture, the value of hardness varies from 5.1 to 16.7 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, the support of the soil for the development of roots is 72.5-350 kPa.

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