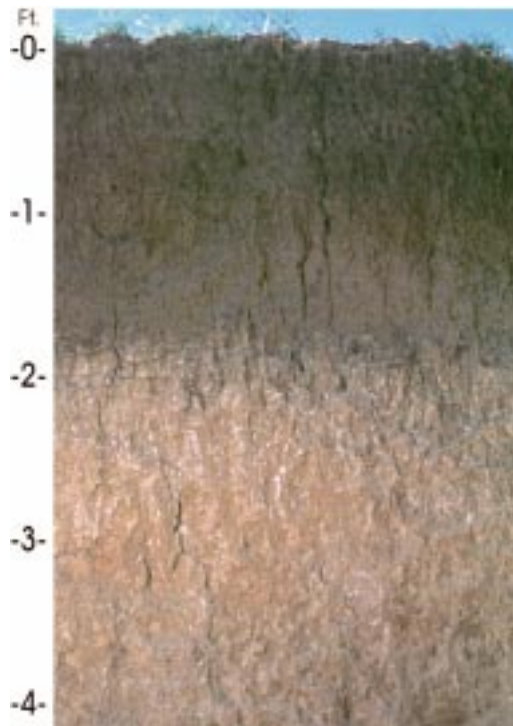


HARNEY -- KANSAS STATE SOIL



Harney Soil Profile

- Surface layer: dark grayish brown silt loam
- Subsurface layer: dark grayish brown silty clay loam
- Subsoil - upper: grayish brown silty clay loam
- Subsoil - middle: light brownish gray, calcarous silty clay loam
- Subsoil - lower: light gray, calcarous silt loam

The Harney series was adopted as the Official State Soil of Kansas on April 12, 1990, when Governor Mike Hyden signed Senate Bill 96. The name "Harney" (meaning people) is derived from "harahey," an ancient Wichita Indian term for "Pawnee Indian," stemming from when Coronado journeyed across Kansas.

Harney soils have the ideal qualities of prairie soils. They are recognized as prime farmland and have excellent properties for producing food and fiber crops. These soils occur on about 4 million acres in west-central Kansas. Kansas is one of the top producers of wheat, grain sorghum, and silage in the nation because of Harney and other productive soils.



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