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		V.C. blocky	> 50
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		C subangular blocky	20-50
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	C. Granular: spheroidal and characterized by rounded vertices.	Fine granular	< 2
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		Coarse granular	5-10
Platelike: soil particles arranged around a horizontal plane and generally bounded by relatively flat horizontal surfaces.	A. Platy structure: horizontal planes more or less developed.	Fine platy	< 2[f]
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		Coarse platy	> 5
Prismlike: soil particles arranged around a vertical axis and bounded by relatively flat vertical surfaces.	A. Prismatic structure: vertical faces well defined and edges sharp.	Fine Prismatic	< 20[§]
		Medium prismatic	20-50
		Coarse prismatic	50-100
		Very coarse prismatic	> 100
	B. Columnar structure: vertical edges near top of columns are not sharp. May be flat, round or irregular topped.	Fine columnar	< 20[§]
		Medium columnar	20-50
		Coarse columnar	50-100
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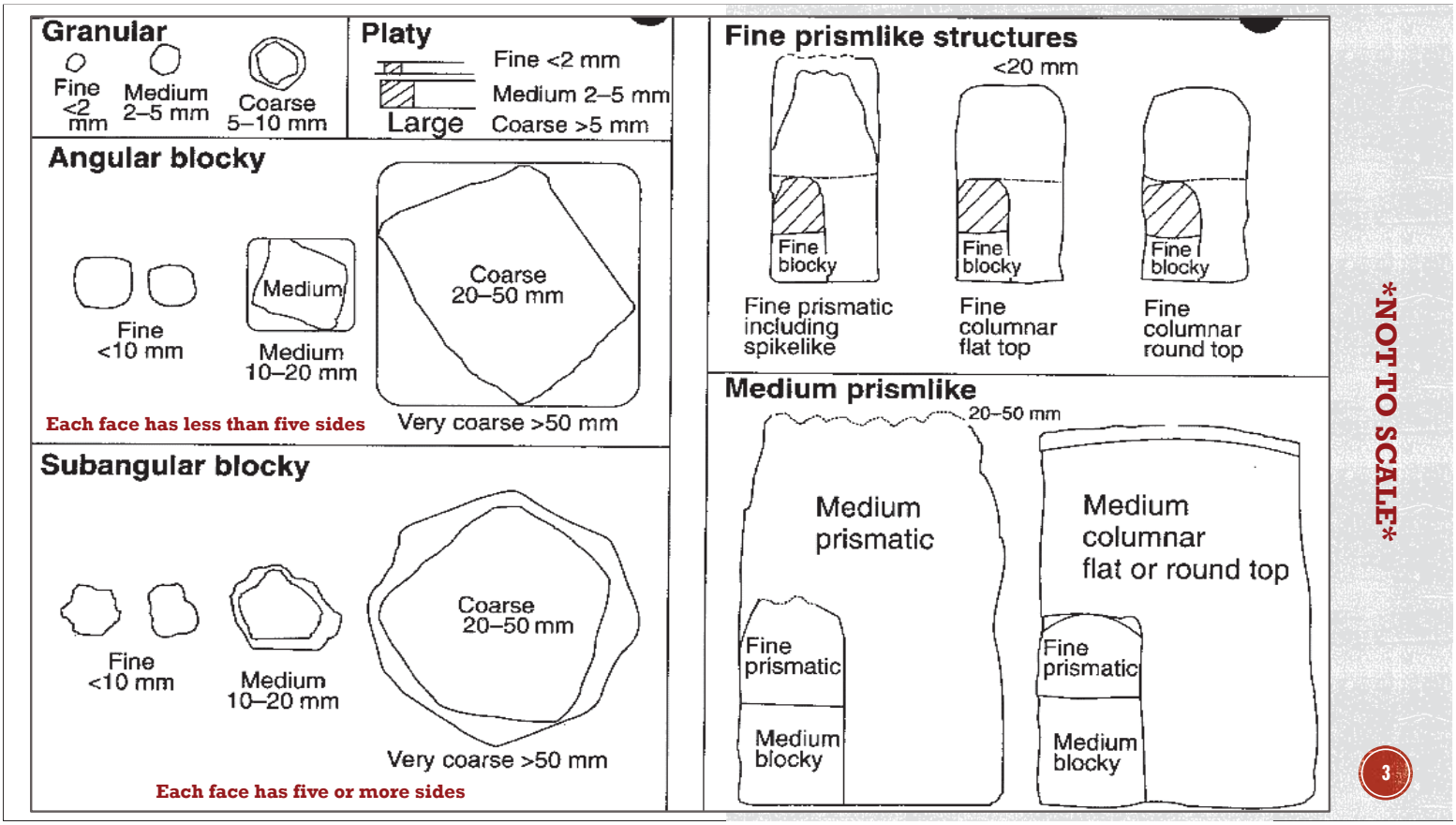

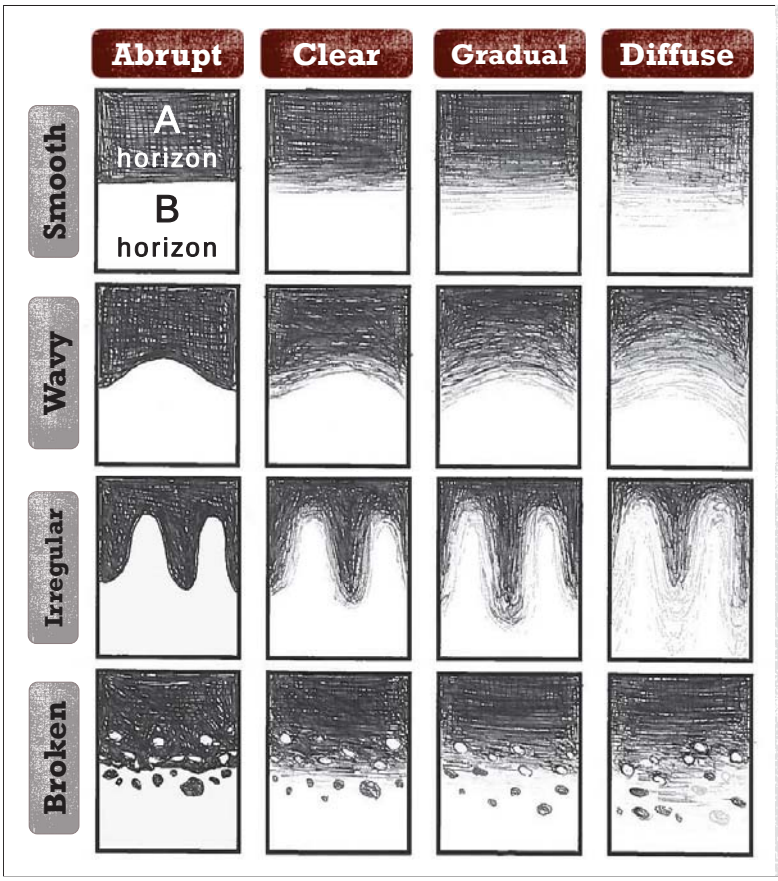

HORIZON BOUNDARY

- **Distinctness:**
  - **1:** Abrupt (<2 cm deep)
  - **2:** Clear (2-5 cm deep)
  - **3:** Gradual (5-15 cm deep)
  - **4:** Diffuse (>15 cm deep)
- **Form:**
  - **1:** Smooth (nearly a plane)
  - **2:** Wavy (pockets wider than deep)
  - **3:** Irregular (pockets deeper than wide)
  - **4:** Broken (discontinuous)

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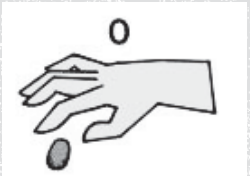
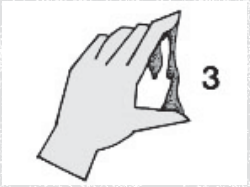
SOIL CONSISTENCE

- **Soil consistence** is the measure of the strength or *stickiness* of the soil aggregates
  - 0 = non-sticky
  - 1 = slightly sticky
  - 2 = sticky
  - 3 = very sticky





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SOIL PLASTICITY

- **Soil plasticity** is the measure of the pliability of the soil aggregates (plasticity is the property of changing shape continuously under applied stress)
  - **Non-plastic:** 4 mm thick, 4 cm long roll cannot be formed
  - **Slightly Plastic:** 4 mm thick, 4 cm long roll can be formed but cannot support its weight
  - **Moderately Plastic:** 2 mm thick, 4 cm long roll can be formed but cannot support its weight
  - **Very Plastic:** 2 mm thick, 4 cm long roll can be formed and support its weight

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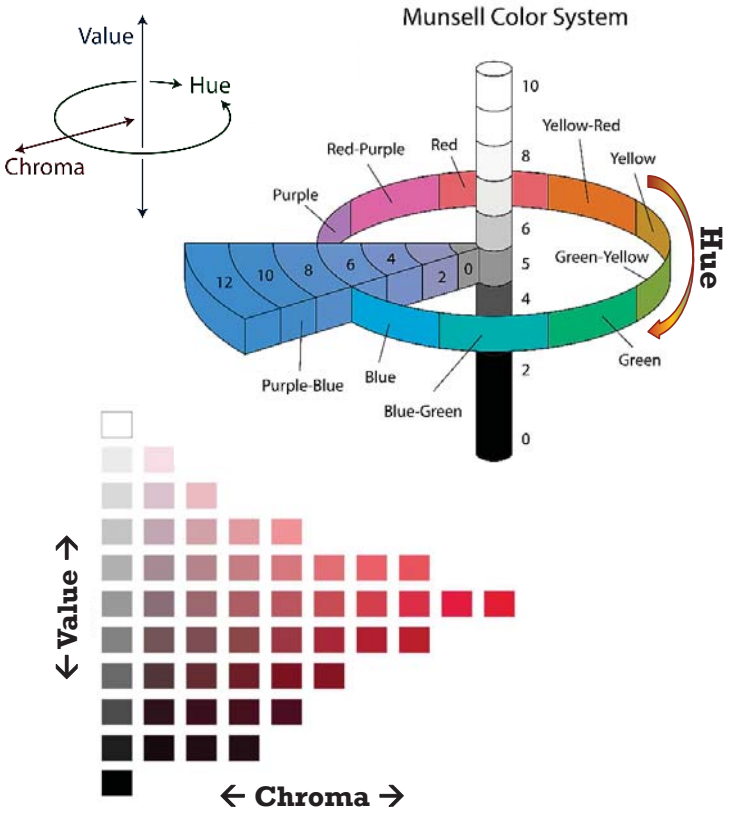

SOIL COLOR

- **Hue:** dominant spectral color
- **Value:** degree of lightness
- **Chroma:** richness of color; amount of a particular hue added to a gray

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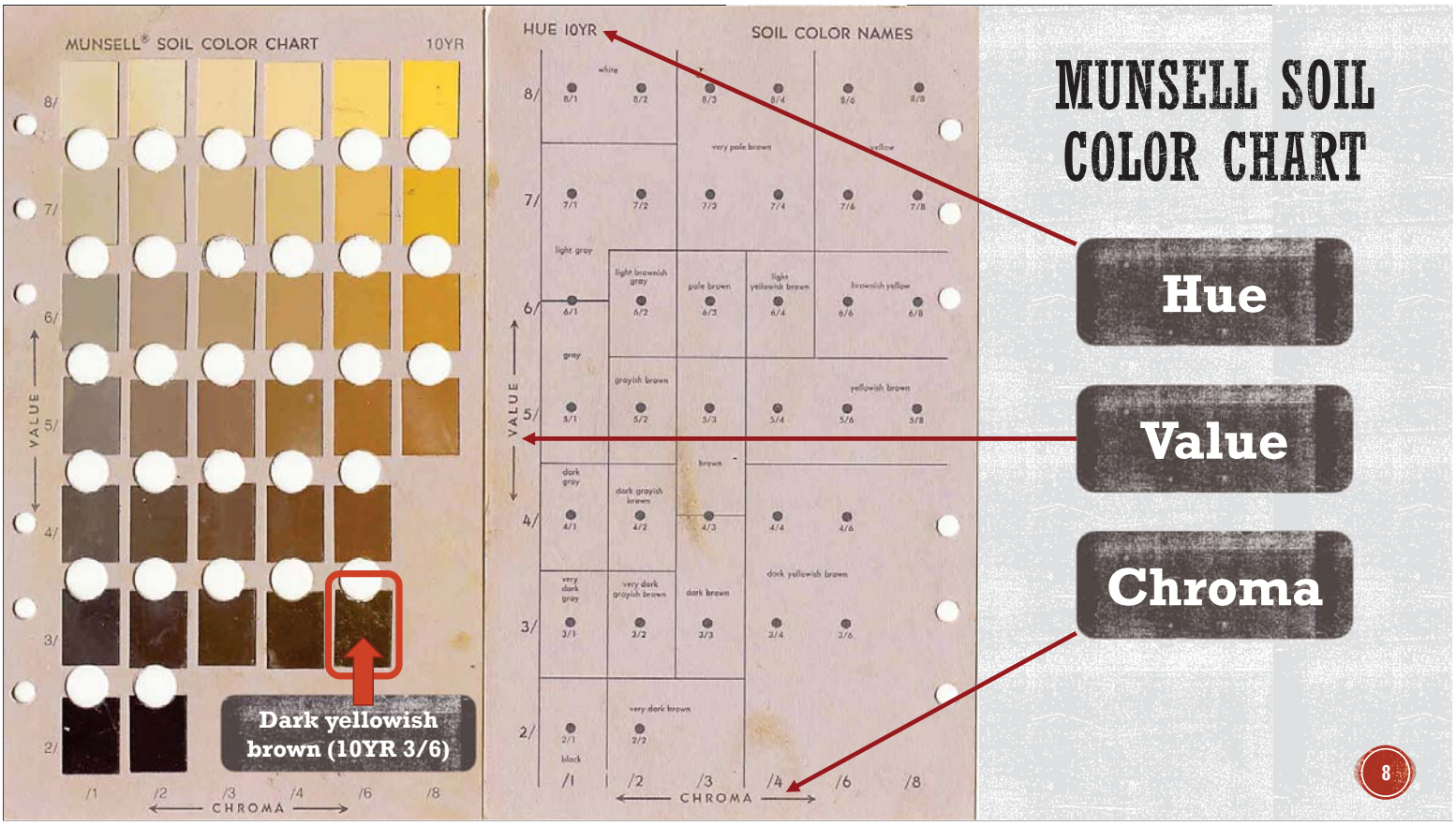

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