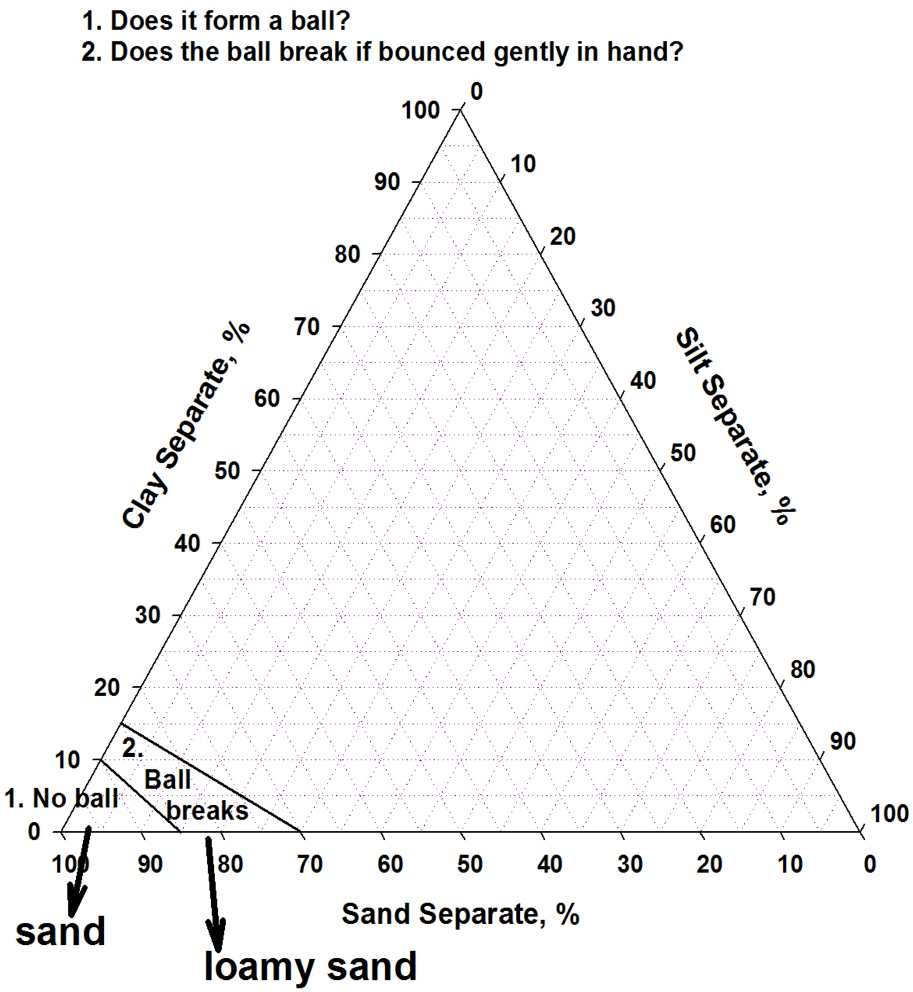
Estimating Soil Texture Using the Feel Method

Figure 1. Texture-by-feel, Steps 1 and 2.



Requires about 20% clay to obtain a 1 in ribbon.
Each additional 10% clay adds another inch.

Figure 2. Texture-by-feel, Step 3

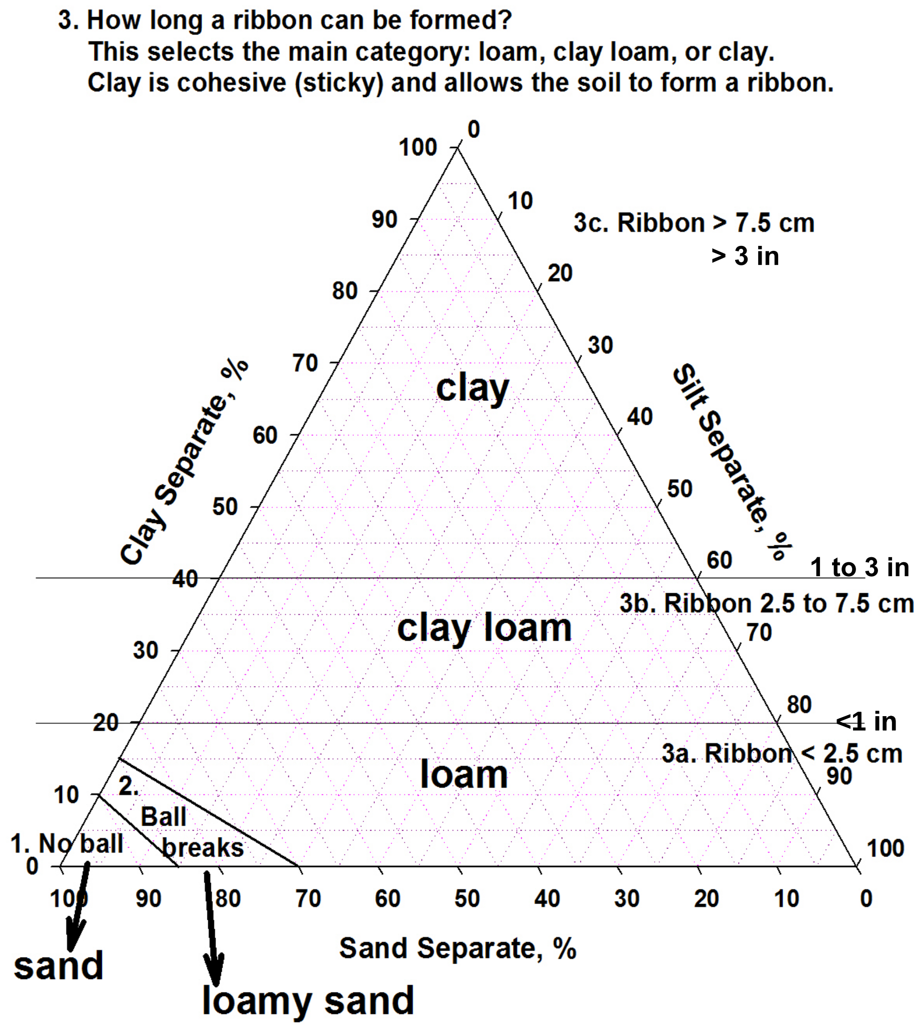
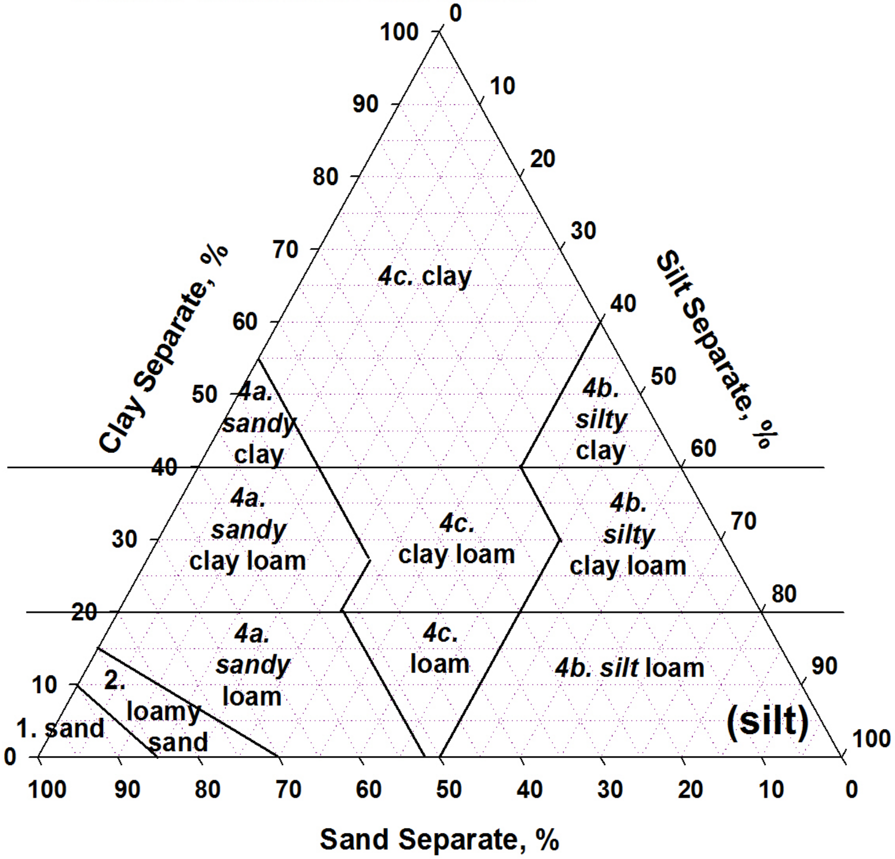


Figure 3. Texture-by-feel, Step 4

4. Work it between your fingers, feel and listen?
a. If you hear grating and grinding, think "sandy"
Supersaturate and feel: What dominates, grit or smooth?
Grittiness dominates: Think "sandy".
b. Smoothness dominates: Think "silty".
c. Neither is dominant: Leave it alone.



USDA Textural Triangle