

ARIDISOLS



Aridisols are soils that are too dry for the growth of mesophytic plants. The lack of moisture greatly restricts the intensity of weathering processes and limits most soil development processes to the upper part of the soils. Aridisols often accumulate gypsum, salt, calcium carbonate, and other materials that are easily leached from soils in more humid environments.

Aridisols are common in the deserts of the world.

**ARIDISOLS MAKE UP ABOUT 12% OF THE WORLD'S
ICE-FREE LAND SURFACE.**