**Soil Texture – characteristics and effect on plant growth**

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| **Texture** | **Size of particles** | **Size of pore spaces** | **Ease of cultivation** (how easy is it to dig) | **Drainage** (how well can water drain through it) | **Warmth** (how quickly does it warm in the spring) | **Effect on plant growth** (how do these factors affect how plants can grow) |
| **Clay** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Clay loam** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Silt loam** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sandy loam** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sand** |  |  |  |  |  |  |