Properties of the albic horizon (A2) and the overlying horizons (A1, Ap) were noted in 225 pedon descriptions* of soils of the North Central Region. Figure 1 summarizes information on color value and chroma and shows the extent of overlap of the domains for two kinds of horizons.

The average colors (indicated by the point and cross) are: A2, 4.9/2.3; A1, Ap, 3.3/1.7. Figure 2 shows that platy structure was dominant in the albic horizons. This structure was reported chiefly from silt loams, but also from loams, fine sandy loams, sandy loams, loamy fine sands, loamy sands and sands. Granular structure was reported from silt loams (50% of the cases), loams, sandy loams, loamy sands and very fine sands. Blocky structure was reported from silt loams, loams, sandy loams, loamy sands and very fine sands.

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