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A compacted subsurface **soil** layer. Hard pans are frequently found in soils that have undergone significant amounts of **weathering**. Clay will accumulate below the surface and cause the **subsoil** to be dense, making it difficult for roots and water to penetrate. Soils with clay pans are more susceptible to water **erosion**. Clay pans can be broken by cultivation, but over time they will re-form.