

## **AFSA NATIONAL FERTILISER POLICY**

AFSA is interested in the marketing and product quality aspects of the manufactured fertiliser industry products, particularly any physical properties that effect spreadability.

### Key Objectives

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labelling standards or agricultural fertiliser products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for soil analysis.
- To oversee the development and delivery of a national training program for fertilizer advisers, sales and logistic personnel, using the AFSA Code of Practice and Guidelines as key reference material.
- To support and encourage fertiliser manufacturers to produce product that enables the fertiliser spreading industry to comply with the AFSA spreading Code of Practice which includes the Accu-Spread program.
- Product quality properties that can affect application accuracy are Particle size, Bulk density, Uniformity. These property measurements should be part of the information given to the person operating the applicator or seeder by the fertilizer manufacturer or supplier. Variations of no more that + or – 5% on the figures given should occur.

As key strategy for these actions we are looking to continue our productive working relationships with the other key fertiliser industry bodies particularly the manufacturers organization FIFFA as well as Govt farmer groups.