



## Australian Fertiliser Services Association

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### **How can we feed the world and protect our environment?**

Fertilizers can be part of the solution and part of the problem - management is the key.

Ever wondered how accurate the advice you are being given is?

How can you ensure an accurate spread pattern to ensure the greatest value for your dollar?

### ***What role does the Australian Fertiliser Services Association play in this?***

Formed in 1972, the Australian Fertiliser Services Association (AFSA) is the industry body for businesses and people who spread, distribute, sell, store, transport, manufacture or provide advice on the use of fertilisers or soil ameliorate products.

Being a company limited by guarantee, the Association is governed by a board with committees and members in each state, AFSA is recognised by federal and state governments as an industry leader.

The AFSA have also developed and implemented a Code of Practice to improve operating standards within the industry, strengthen the focus on environmental stewardship and improve workplace health and safety and this Code is the basis for the industry accreditation and product stewardship programme, **Fertcare**<sup>®</sup>.

**Fertcare**<sup>®</sup> is a joint venture between the Australian Fertiliser Services Association and Fertilizer Australia, with both representative bodies having a strong commitment to managing environmental and food safety issues associated with fertilisers through the national stewardship program. For more information go to [www.fertcare.com.au](http://www.fertcare.com.au)

**Accu-Spread** is a key component of the Fertcare initiative and is a programme that tests and accredits fertiliser spreading equipment for accuracy and evenness of spreading, thereby contributing significantly to quality assurance, productivity improvement, environment sustainability and management of risk.

Each use situation is different so we encourage growers to employ a range of management practices to improve fertilizer use efficiency and reduce the risk of losses to the environment through being aware of hidden impurities, mislabelling, unfounded advice and uneven spreading.

We would encourage all farmers to be involved in the protection of their environment and to ensure their own profitability by looking further into Fertcare and Accu-spread accreditation, for both themselves and their contractors.

**An Accu-Spread tested machine and a Fertcare trained operator are essential elements  
in best practice fertiliser application  
and the on-going improvement of operating standards within the industry.**

*For more information about AFSA, Fertcare or Accu-spread  
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