

## **AFSA NATIONAL COMPOST POLICY**

AFSA is interested in the marketing and on farm aspects of the Compost industry.

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labelling standards of agricultural compost products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for compost analysis.
- To oversee the development of a national training program for advisers recommending compost and incorporate this into the Fertcare Level B and C (sales and agronomy) modules.
- To support the testing of all agricultural compost suppliers on at least a bi annual basis by the relevant State Dept responsible for agriculture.
- To support compost manufacturers to produce product that enables the compost spreading industry to comply with the AFSA Spreading Code of Practice.
- To have compost labels state the physical properties of compost that could effect spreading such as typical moisture levels from point of manufacture, approx bulk density.
- To ensure compost manufacturers take a professional approach to the preparation of compost for sale by supplying a screened impurity free (any debris or hard rubbish removed) fully composted (harmful pathogens removed) even product that will flow through modern bulk spreading equipment.

As a starting point for these actions we are looking to establish productive working relationships with the other key compost industry bodies as well as Govt and farmer groups.