

AFSA NATIONAL GYPSUM POLICY

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

- To actively promote the development of national standards including labelling standards of agricultural gypsum products.
- To actively promote the establishment of national testing standards for gypsum analysis.
- To oversee the development of a national training program for advisers working in the gypsum responsive soil areas and incorporate this into the Fertcare Level B and C (sales and agronomy) modules.
- To support the testing of all agricultural gypsum suppliers on at least a bi annual basis by the relevant State Dept responsible for agriculture.
- To support gypsum manufacturers to produce product that enables the gypsum spreading industry to comply with the AFSA Spreading Code of Practice.
- To have gypsum labels state the physical properties of gypsum that could effect spreading such as typical moisture levels from point of manufacture, approx bulk density.
- To have gypsum labels state the quality properties of gypsum that are important for the customer such as Sulphur %, Sodium %, Calcium Sulphate %.

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