



Aglime Quarterly

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***From the Mountains to the Sea,
We've got your Aglime needs covered.***

Blue Mountain Minerals now has a second location to meet your needs. We are excited to announce the acquisition of Lime Mountain in Paso Robles, CA. This is a natural extension to the existing product lines Blue Mountain Minerals today serves from our Columbia, CA operation. Lime Mountain will become Blue Mountain Minerals PR (Paso Robles) LLC. We will strive to improve the limestone product offerings and services from the Paso Robles operation for agricultural and industrial applications.



CCE Is Only Part Of It

Calcium Carbonate Equivalent (CCE) tells us the quality, or the acid neutralizing value, of a liming material. The particle size, or fineness, tells us how effective the agricultural limestone will neutralize soil pH. If we use crushed limestone with a CCE of 100 that is the size of gravel, it will do nothing to change soil pH in our lifetime.

Oregon requires a lime score be on the label. The calculation takes the CCE, fineness, and moisture into account. This lime score is a numerical expression of quality. The fineness of aglime is what determines how quickly it will dissolve and neutralize soil acidity.** If half of the aglime purchased is coarser than 20 mesh, roughly the size of table salt, that portion is only about 30% effective. Make sure you get the quality you are paying for, not just a high CCE.

| Aglime | CCE | Fineness | Moisture | Score |
|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| A | 100% | 55% | 3% | 53 |
| B | 100% | 95% | 3% | 94 |

References: Jan 2016

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