



Aglime Quarterly

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What's the Score?

The following is a real example of why the Aglime Score is more important than price per ton when comparing aglime.

A Farmer has 1,000 acres and needs 1 ton of aglime per acre.

	<u>Sample Source</u>	<u>Blue Mtn. Minerals</u>
Price Per Ton: Delivered	\$65	\$75
CCE	95	95
Score (Effectiveness rating)	80	100
Application Rate	1.2 tons per acre	1 ton per acre
Total Tons Needed	1,200	1,000
Total Cost	\$78,000	\$75,000

The aglime score is a numerical expression of quality required in Oregon and many other states. It is a calculation based on three components: CCE, Fineness and Moisture. CCE (Calcium Carbonate Equivalent) is basically the quality of the rock. If the CCE of a boulder is 95, the CCE of that boulder crushed to the size of gravel or a fine powder is still 95. Fineness of the material is the primary factor that determines effectiveness. Aglime should be smaller in size than table salt, and at that size it is only considered to be 30% effective. Moisture is the final factor, you don't want to pay for water, but a little moisture will help keep your aglime from completely blowing away. Knowing the score is the best way compare aglime and it could save you a lot of money. It pays to ask, **"What's the Score?"**

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