



# Standard Specification for Agricultural Liming Materials<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers agricultural liming materials, such as quicklime (burnt lime), hydrated lime, limestone, (calcitic and dolomitic), marl, shells, and by-products including slag, lime kiln dust and other materials.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

**C25** Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Limestone, Quicklime, and Hydrated Lime

**C50** Practice for Sampling, Sample Preparation, Packaging, and Marking of Lime and Limestone Products

**C110** Test Methods for Physical Testing of Quicklime, Hydrated Lime, and Limestone

**C125** Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

**C1271** Test Method for X-ray Spectrometric Analysis of Lime and Limestone

**C1301** Test Method for Major and Trace Elements in Limestone and Lime by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP) and Atomic Absorption (AA)

**D3176** Practice for Ultimate Analysis of Coal and Coke

**E11** Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

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## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *agricultural liming material*—a product whose calcium and magnesium compounds are capable of neutralizing soil acidity.

3.1.2 *air-cooled blast-furnace slag and granulated blast-furnace slag*—air-cooled blast-furnace slag and granulated blast furnace slag as defined in Terminology C125.

3.1.3 *calcium carbonate equivalent (C.C.E.)*—the acid-neutralizing capacity (of an agricultural liming material) of the material expressed as weight percent of calcium carbonate.

## 4. Chemical Classifications

4.1 Agricultural liming materials shall be classified in terms of calcium carbonate equivalent (C.C.E.), as shown in Table 1.

NOTE 1—Marl and some by-product liming materials are used for neutralizing soil acidity, but due to their varying composition, their chemical limits are not included. In some economic circumstances limestone, lime kiln dust, slag, and shells of less than 80 % C.C.E. may be used.

## 5. Sieve Analysis Classifications for Agricultural Limestone

5.1 Agricultural limestone shall be classified according to the minimum percentages passing the 2.36-mm (No. 8) and 250-μm (No. 60) sieves conforming to Specification E11, as shown in Table 2.

NOTE 2—These classifications apply where the agricultural limestone is obtained by the normal crushing procedure and the product contains the fines of fracture. In some economic circumstances, coarser products are used. The 250-μm (No. 60) sieve was selected because research has shown that this sieve gives a more accurate representation of the particle size distribution of most agricultural limestones presently produced than a finer or coarser sieve. The 2.36-mm (No. 8) sieve is used to control the upper limit on the amount of coarse limestone particles that may be in the product.

## 6. Sieve Analysis Classifications for Agricultural Slag

6.1 *Air-Cooled Blast-Furnace Slag*—Air-cooled blast-furnace slag shall be classified the same as agricultural limestone as described in Section 5.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

**TABLE 1 Agricultural Liming Materials**

Material	Calcium Carbonate Equivalent (C.C.E.), percent
Quicklime	not less than 140
Hydrated lime	not less than 110
Limestone	not less than 80
Slag	not less than 80
Shells	not less than 80

**TABLE 2 Classification for Agricultural Limestone**

Class Designation	Passing No. 8 (2.36-mm) Sieve, min, percent	Passing No. 60 (250-μm) Sieve, min, percent
S	100	100
T	99	75
O	95	55
N	90	40
E	80	25

6.2 *Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag*—Granulated blast-furnace slag shall be classified the same as agricultural limestone as described in Section 5.

## 7. Sieve Analysis Classifications for Agricultural Lime Kiln Dust

7.1 Lime kiln dust sieve analysis shall be classified the same as agricultural limestone as described in Section 5.

## 8. Particle Size Requirements for Hydrated Lime and Quicklime

8.1 Hydrated lime and quicklime for agricultural use shall be classified in accordance with the minimum percentages passing the 2.36-mm (No. 8) and 250-μm (No. 60) sieves, as follows:

Passing Sieve No.	Hydrated Lime	Min. %	Quicklime
8 (2.36 mm)	100		95
60 (250 μm)	97		35

## 9. Regulatory Requirements

9.1 Agricultural liming materials shall be evaluated for the regulatory considerations using the required local, state, and federal test methods in effect at the time of use.

9.2 Agricultural liming materials shall meet all applicable local, state, and federal requirements in effect at the time of use.

## 10. Sampling

10.1 Sampling shall be conducted using the procedures specified in Practice C50.

## 11. Chemical Methods

11.1 Reagent grade chemicals or equivalent and water purity shall be used as specified in Test Methods C25.

11.2 The analytical sample for chemical methods relative to this standard shall be pulverized to pass a 60 mesh sieve.

11.3 The following chemical parameters are to be determined using the methods as specified.

11.3.1 Calcium carbonate equivalent by the method in C25 and

11.3.2 *Total calcium and magnesium oxide*—determination can be made by methods in C25, C1271 or C1301.

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### 12. Preparation of Sample

12.1 Dry the sample to constant weight at  $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  and store in an airtight container. Obtain the sample from a larger sample of the material to be tested by the use of a riffle or a sample splitter in accordance with Practice D3176, or by the method of quartering. The sample for sieve analysis shall have a weight of 100 to 150 g.

12.2 Where limestone contains clay, some agglomeration of fine particles may occur. The agglomerates must be broken by rolling the dry sample with a hard rubber roller on a hard rubber mat or by some equally effective means that does not result in crushing the limestone.

### 13. Procedure

13.1 Sieve analysis shall be conducted using the procedures in Test Methods C110. Sieve the sample through 2.36-mm (No. 8) and 250-μm (No. 60) sieves. Determine the weight of liming material passing each sieve on a scale or balance sensitive to at least 0.1 g. Calculate the amount of liming material passing the sieves to the nearest whole percentage of the total weight of the dry sample.

### 14. Report

14.1 Report the following results for agricultural liming materials:

14.1.1 *Percentage Calcium Carbonate Equivalent*—The percentage calcium carbonate equivalent (C.C.E.) shall be reported on the as-received basis. Calculate as follows:

$$\text{C.C.E. (as received)} = [1 - (\% \text{ moisture} \div 100)] \times \text{C.C.E. (oven dry)} \quad (1)$$

14.1.2 *Percentage Moisture*—Calculate as follows:

$$\text{Moisture, \%} = \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\text{Weight of sample (as received)} - \text{oven} - \text{dry weight}}{\text{Weight of sample (as received)}} \times 100$$

14.1.3 *Percentage Calcium Oxide and Magnesium Oxide*—The percentages of calcium oxide and magnesium oxide on the basis of the as-received sample.

14.1.4 *Sieve Analysis*—The amount of dried sample passing the 2.36-mm (No. 8) and 250-μm (No. 60) sieves as a percentage of the total weight of the dried sample with the figures rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

### 15. Keywords

15.1 aglime; agricultural liming materials; agricultural limestone; calcium carbonate equivalent; hydrated lime; lime by-products; lime kiln dust; limestone; LKD; quicklime; slag

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee C07 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue, C602 – 13, that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved Dec. 1, 2013.)

(1) Added 1.2.

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