The Australian Fertiliser Sector

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The IFA's Vision

The International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA) in its recent publication *"The Role of Fertilizers in Agricultural Mitigation Strategies"* identifies two key product changes going forward:

- 1. "Better Integration of Organic Resources such as animal wastes and crop residues into crop nutrition programs"
- 2. "Increasing soil organic matter by integrating organic nutrient sources jointly with mineral fertilizers in plant nutrition programmes"

CFF has developed some of these products

The following presentation gives an overview of what was CFF's vision to deliver the product mix that the IFA has so clearly identified.

Capex comparison

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- ✓ CFF plants cost in the region of \$A 200 per metric tonne of annual production
- However, the CFF plants require access to some 3rd generation product to produce a full product range

The Australian Farm Sector

 The following slides give a good overview of the changes in Nutrient use in the Australian farming sector since 1980.

The data used is from ABARE and ABS

USA data is from USDA





Commercial Disadvantage

- Whilst Australia has lost 16.79% of its farm area over the period 1980 -2007 the USA has lost only 11.46%
- Nitrogen use in the USA is up by 18% over the same period, in Australia it is up by 641%
- Phosphorus use in the USA is down by 12.6% but in Australia it is up by 50%
- Potassium use is down by 9.41 % in the USA but in Australia it is up by 206%
- Australian farmers are seriously overusing nutrients because, amongst other things, the fertiliser products that they are buying were not developed for Australian conditions



Winter Crop Production

- Of the 41.37 million HA available across the southern states for winter cropping less than 20 million Ha on average is used
- Due to consistent rainfall deficiencies, soil acidification and rapidly depleting soil carbon, Dryland winter croppers struggle to achieve long term average production of 1.2 tonnes/Ha (USA Farmers average in the region of 2.9 tonnes and the EU 4.5 tonnes)

Wheat Yield

 The average wheat yield by American farmers has had an almost straight line growth since matrix fertiliser became available in the mid 1960's.

 Average wheat yield across the whole continental USA is approaching 2.9 tonnes / Ha Equivalent







The Australian Market

 The Following Slides outline the farm nutrient market as it currently exists in Australia

 In order to preserve consistency in data the base year is 2006/07 as this is the latest data set available





2006/07 Australian Fertiliser Sector - Nutrient and Soil Additive Application Breakout



Nutrient Recycling

 Since mid 2005, recycling nutrients has become a major business.

 In 2006/07 about 14.6% of all nutrients used on Australian Farms were recycled nutrients



2006/07 Australian Fertiliser Sector - Carbon/Organic Product Utilisation



Granulated lime and gypsum

- The Agricultural Lime and Gypsum market Nationally was in the region of 1.33 million tonnes in 2006/07 and is contracting at about 10% per year due to OH+S issues and the growth of Low Till and No Till.
- CFF Technology allows the high strength granulation of Lime and gypsum which opens a significant new market across the country

Winter Crop Production

- The ready availability of high quality granulated lime will change the way that soil pH adjustment is carried out
- Instead of applying 2-4 tonnes of powdered lime on a 5-10 year rotation and cultivating this lime into the soil profile, farmers will be able to apply 50kg per Ha per year via a disc drill or air seeder directly into the germination zone
- This application can take place at any time convenient to the farmer



How will the Market Change

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 The CPRS or similar system will limit if not stop the surface spreading of manure, compost, lime and gypsum due to the emission issues inherent in these practices

How Big is the Impact?

- National changes to waste management arrangements under some form of CPRS will make a large pool of nutrients available for recycling – using DEHW figures and existing market data the quantum looks like:
 - Elemental P (P_2O_5 Equiv) ~387,000 tpy (46% of the market)
 - Nitrogen (R) ~448,000 tpy (53% of the market)
 - Elemental K (K₂O Equiv) ~516,000 tpy (234% of the market)

CONTROL OF THE NUTRIENT RESOURCE

- CFF controls some of the core technology to make this massive nutrient resource available to farmers for use in their existing equipment
- CFF will need ongoing access to chemical fertiliser for co-blending with this resource
- CFF and its chemical fertiliser supply partner will have a major impact on the Australian market.

The Barrier to Growth

 The major handicap until now is that there was no capability to convert recycled products into a format that was compatible with existing 3rd Generation fertiliser application systems

The Market in 2016

 CFF Believes that the Fertiliser market place in 2016 will be very different to the market that exists at this time

 The following slide shows the synopsis of what CFF estimates this market will look like



Actual and Projected Australian Product Market

R+D Production

- CFF has been making trial products since March 2009 with its pilot plant:
- 32 different proof of concept products including:
- Pathogen Free Replacement for Dynamic Lifter
- Lower cost replacements for DAP and MAP
- Granulated lime, gypsum and lime/biochar mixes
- Fully organic, broad acre hi trace element carbon based hi strength granular products

Field Trial

- Last winter CFF conducted a replicated field trial for winter wheat using a product CFF developed as a possible replacement for MAP in winter wheat production
- This product demonstrated that it was possible to replace MAP on a KG for KG basis with a lower cost CFF product and still maintain the same production levels



Cost Savings

 On the approx 640,000 tonnes of MAP used by Australian farmers in 2006/07 the use of the CFF product would have saved farmers in the region of \$A 192 million

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