

Kentucky Method 64-221-083  
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## AGRICULTURAL LIMESTONE

1. SCOPE: This method outlines the procedure for testing either agricultural limestone, or ~~150- $\mu$ m (100-) mesh ground~~ limestone- ground to pass a No. 100 sieve.
2. APPARATUS – MATERIALS:
  - 2.1. ~~2000- $\mu$ m, (No. 10), 300- $\mu$ m (No. 50)~~ Sieves.
  - 2.2. Hydrochloric Acid.
  - 2.3. Sodium Hydroxide.
  - 2.4. Phenolphthalein.
3. PROCEDURE:
  - 3.1. Sample Preparation: The sample is usually received in a ~~0.95 liter (quart)~~ can, or in a bag. If the sample is not dry, it must be dried before any tests are performed. This may be done by splitting the sample and drying in an oven at 110 °C for 1 - 1½ hours. When the sample is dry, let it cool to room temperature.
  - 3.2. Sieve Analysis: Perform sieve analysis in accordance with AASHTO T27 Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates.
  - 3.3. Calcium Carbonate Equivalent: Grind sample to pass ~~250- $\mu$ m (No. 650)~~ sieve, and mix thoroughly. Place 1 gram ground sample in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flask. Add 50 ml of 0.5 N HCl (standard solution), and boil gently for 5 minutes. Cool, and titrate excess acid with 0.25 N NaOH (standard solution) using phenolphthalein.
4. CALCULATIONS:
$$\frac{5(V_1N_1 - V_2N_2)}{W_1} = \% \text{ CaCO}_3 \text{ Equivalent}$$

$V_1$  = Volume of HCl

$V_2$  = Volume of NaOH

$N_1$  = Normality of HCl

$N_2$  = Normality of NaOH

$W_1$  = Sample weight

5. REPORT:

5.1. % Passing 2000  $\mu\text{m}$  (No. 10) Sieve, to the Whole Number [~~150  $\mu\text{m}$  (100)~~ mesh only]

5.2. % Passing 300  $\mu\text{m}$  (No. 50) Sieve, to the Whole Number [~~150  $\mu\text{m}$  (100)~~ mesh only]

5.3.  $\text{CaCO}_3$  Equivalent

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