# **Agriculture Application**

# **Two Basic Principles**

Zeo-Feed has two methods of holding cations such as ammonium, and plant nutrients. The first method is by absorption in channel ways. Zeo-Feed will hold up to 55% of its weight in water.

The second method is by "cation exchange" (measured as cation exchange capacity or "CEC"). By this method, Zeo-Feed holds ammonium and other plant nutrients in the crystal structure where they are not water-soluble but are plant-accessible on an as-needed time-release basis.



# **Applications**

#### **ANIMAL FEED**

A -40 and -14X40 mesh products are fed to animals and poultry. It has the following advantages;

- 1. Increased NPN for ruminants
- 2. Odor control
- 3. Reduced mortality
- 4. Improved feed conversion and production
- 5. Better phosphate utilization
- 6. Flow agent/anti caking agent for food stuffs
- 7. Reduced need for antibiotics
- 8. Buffer in the rumen
- 9. Reduced acidosis
- 10. Increased pellet durability for pellet feeds

### **CARRIER FOR PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES**

Zeo-Feed in a minus 40 or 100 mesh size or even finer is used as a carrier for pesticides and herbicides due to its porosity.

## **ODOR CONTROL**

Zeo-Feed exchanged the ammonium cation in the alimentary track before it turns into the gaseous form, ammonia, which creates odor. With the increasing legislation mandating odor control, adding Zeo-Feed in quantities of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -2% of the total ration will aid in the company's ability to abide by these laws.

# **SOIL AMENDMENT**

- It reduces the amount of water needed for irrigation by up to 35%.
- It holds the moisture in the growth zone.
- It holds nitrogen in the growth zone. By virtue of its high CEC, it holds much of the nitrogen so that it is plant accessible but not water-soluble.
- Since 30 to 35% of most nitrogen fertilizers leach through the growth zone and report to the aquifer, it reduces the nitrogen fertilizer requirement.
- It will recharge itself with nitrogen from rainwater and subsequent fertilization application and will hold it in the growth zone.
- It helps prevent compaction, increases infiltration, and helps the aeration of deep root systems due to its high surface area and porosity.
- Compared to other domestic zeolites, Zeo-Feed has a higher CEC which
  allows the greater loading of plant nutrients such as nitrogen and
  micronutrients such as magnesium, sulfur, zinc, iron, manganese, boron,
  molybdenum, copper, chlorine; contains approximately 3.5% potassium
  which is a plant nutrient; contains very low sodium which is toxic to plants;
  has very little clay; and has a clinoptilolite content of 80 to 90%.
- Zeo-Feed is 100% natural and when composted with manure, it becomes a "natural fertilizer."
- Zeo-Feed will hold nitrogen and will help prevent the pollution of the water table by nitrates and nitrites.
- It is pale green in color unlike many zeolites that are white, and it visually blends into lawns, greens, and tees better than white material.

# **FERTILIZER**

Zeo-Feed can be ammoniated naturally with manure for the qualification of "organic grown" or artificially with ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, urea, or other nitrogen sources. It

contains approximately 3.5% potassium. Phosphate can also be added.

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Zeo-Feed absorbs ammonium and ammonia gas to reduce the conversion of the nitrogen to nitrates and nitrites that cause water pollution.

#### **PELLET BINDING**

The use of up to 2 % zeolite allows the pellet mill to be run at higher temperatures. This reduces friction, increases production by up to 35%, and increases gelatinization to make a more durable pellet.

#### **FLOW AGENT**

Zeo-Feed helps dry materials and enhances the flow ability of feeds from bins, chutes, and trucks.