

## CALCAROSOLS: Soils with calcium carbonate

- Contain calcium carbonate as soft or hard, white fragments or as a solid layer.
- Occur in the low rainfall, arid and semi-arid regions of Australia.
- Land use includes cereal growing and irrigated horticulture in the south and sparse grazing in the north.
- Limitations include shallow depth, low water retention due to hard carbonate content and wind erosion on the sandier types. High salinity, alkalinity and sodicity may also be a problem. Soil fertility deficiencies are widespread.

