

## FERROSOLS: Iron rich soils

- High free iron and generally high clay content.
- Occur along the eastern coastline, in northern parts of Western Australia and the Top End.
- In high rainfall zones they may be very deep and well drained.
- Land use includes dairying on improved pastures, horticultural crops, some plantation forestry, and sugar cane in Queensland. In northern Australia the shallow and stony soil types support beef cattle grazing.
- May be degraded by erosion and compaction caused by cropping practices and may also suffer from acidification.

