

SOIL AMENDMENTS: LIMESTONE & GYPSUM

Benefits to a granular product | How they are produced

GYPSUM

- Provides calcium and sulfur
- Helps to loosen compacted soils
- Improves water management

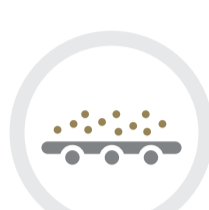


LIMESTONE

- Corrects acidic soils
- Helps make nutrients available to plants

BENEFITS OF GRANULAR

Whether gypsum or limestone (or other soil amendment), granular form offers a premium product with many advantages over the traditionally used powder form:



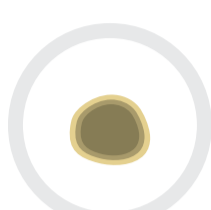
Improved handling, transportation, and application



Mitigation of dust and windblown material



More predictable results



Opportunity for additives and customization



A premium product with enhanced appearance

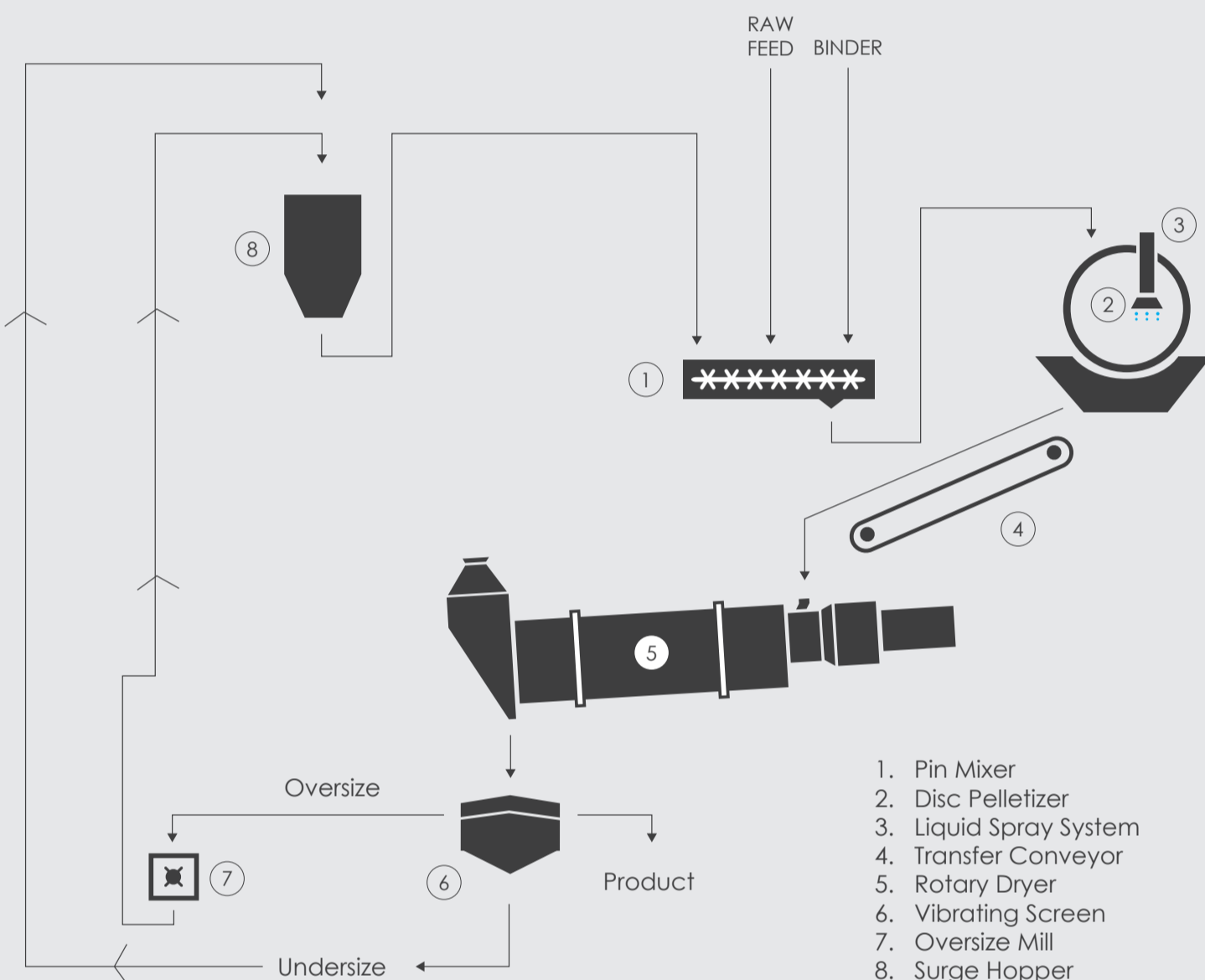


Segregation prevention

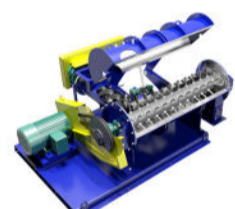


Reduced product lost as dust

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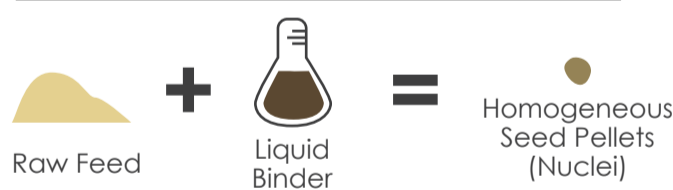
Shown above is a simplified flow diagram for a typical limestone or gypsum pelletizing operation. This process also employs a pin mixer for pre-conditioning.



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Pin Mixer

STEP ONE: PRE-CONDITIONING

Not all processes utilize a pre-conditioning step, but those that do see significant benefits. Pre-conditioning in a pin mixer serves to thoroughly mix the binder and material into a homogeneous mixture and prepare it for pellet formation.



BENEFITS TO PRE-CONDITIONING:

- Increased Production
- Easier Processing & Handling
- Improved Product Control
- Reduced Binder



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Disc Pelletizer

STEP TWO: PELLET GROWTH

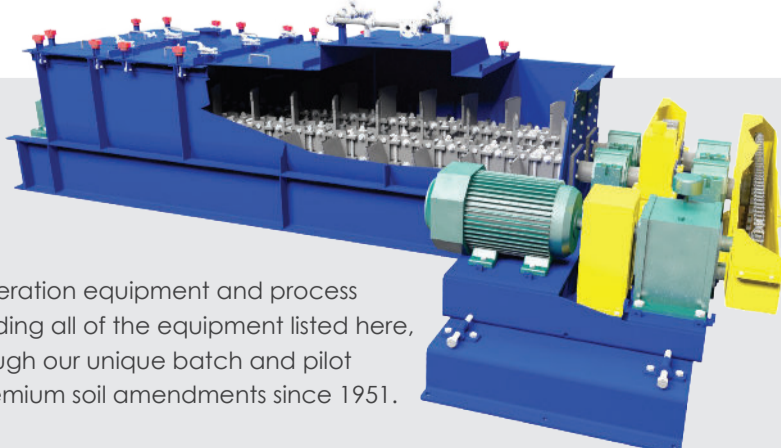
Seed pellets from the pin mixer are fed to the disc pelletizer. The rotation of the disc, combined with a continuous addition of binder and feedstock "grow" the pellets to the desired size via coalescence.



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Rotary Dryer

STEP THREE: DRYING

"Green" (wet) pellets are fed to the rotary dryer to reduce the moisture content. The tumbling action of the rotating dryer further rounds and polishes the pellet product, yielding a premium product.



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