Forage Weed Management

Bonus Feature!

Roundup Ready Alfalfa-How does it fit?

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Weed Management—the basics

- No free lunch concept
- Weed management options:

Labor - pulling, cutting
Herbicides

Tillage/Mowing/Burning
Optimizing Desirables
Is there anything else?



Basic Concept

Weeds are forages too

Impacts of Weeds on Forage Quality

- Concepts Weeds on Forage
 - Weeds are forages too

The management questions are:

- Forage quality of weeds?
- Toxic or anti-feeding qualities present?
- Hindrances to effective management?
 Insect or nematode interaction
 Forage drying time, storage
 Forage stand longevity
- Tonnage often reduced



Annual Weeds – Forage Quality

Nutrient Composition/Digestibility

Similar to Alfalfa

- R. Pigweed, C. Lambsquarters, C. Ragweed

Lower than Alfalfa

Giant and Yellow Foxtail, Shepherdspurse,
 P. Smartweed

(Marten and Andersen, 1975, Temme et al., 1979)



PERENNIAL WEEDS - FORAGE QUALITY

Forage Quality Relative to Alfalfa

Similar

Dandelion, White Cockle

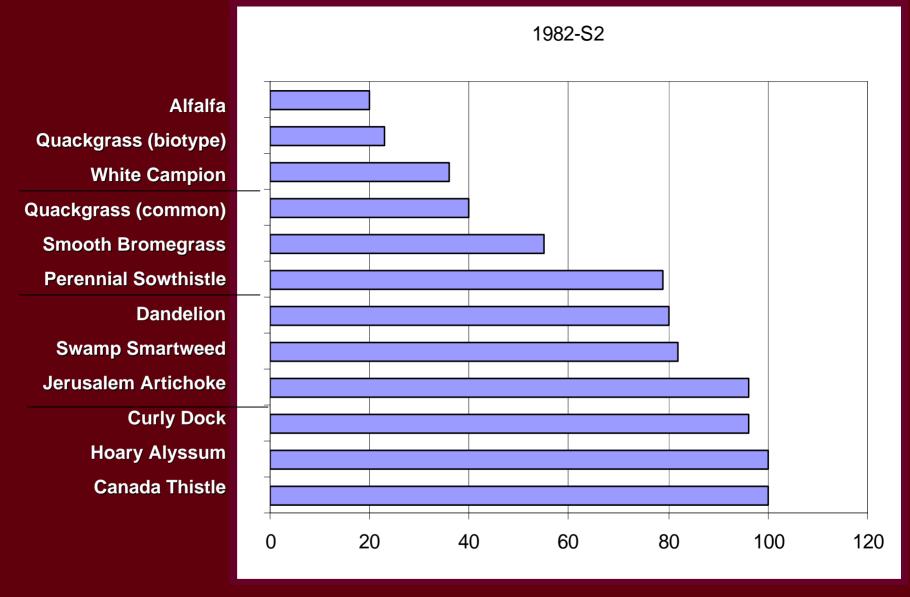
Lower

- Quackgrass, Yellow Rocket

Much Lower

- C. Dock, C. Thistle, H. Alyssum S. Smartweed, J. Artichoke





Relative Palatability (% rejection)

Relative Palatability of two perennial forages and 10 weeds. Trials in 1982 were conducted when first-crop alfalfa was was at early bud (S2) stage. (Marten, G.C., C.C. Sheaffer, and D.L. Wyse. 1987. Forage nutritive value and palatability of perennial weeds. Agron. J. 79.



Forage In Vitro Digestible Dry Matter (IVDDM), Crude Protein (CP), and Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF) concentration of quackgrass (QG) biotypes, reed canarygrass (RCG), and smooth bromegrass (SBG) for three cutting schedules in typical years at Rosemount.

	C	<u>P</u>	NDF		IVDDM				
	1981	1983	1981	1983	1981	1983			
Grass [†]	(yr 1)	(yr 3)	(yr 1)	(yr 3)	(yr 1)	(yr 3)			
QG-2	15.2	14.9	63.8	61.2	57.3	66.8			
QG-3	15.3	13.7	64.1	64.0	56.6	64.7			
QG-5	15.3	14.2	63.7	63.3	54.8	59.9			
QG-6	16.6	14.4	62.9	64.6	57.8	64.6			
QG-10	16.3	14.5	63.5	63.9	57.8	64.4			
RCG	17.7	14.3	60.7	62.3	56.6	63.2			
SBG	15.7	14.4	61.2	61.6	58.8	65.5			
LSD (0.05)	1.3	NS	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.1			

[†] Values are means of three schedules.



Effect of Dandelions on Alfalfa 4-Year Average

	Protein Content (%)			
Cutting	Alfalfa	Dandelions		
First	19.5	14.6		
Second	18.9	19.4		
Third	18.9	19.7		
Average	19.1	17.9		



(University of Wisconsin, 1980-1983)

Dandelion - Alfalfa Dry Down

---- % Moisture ----**Days After** Cutting % Dandelion Alfalfa Dandelion **Forage**





(Adapted from Doll, 1985)

Alfalfa Seeding Herbicide Options

Preplant Incorported

Grasses and some Broadleaves

Eptam, Treflan, Balan, Kerb

Postemergence Options

Grass only

Poast, Poast Plus; Select Max

Grasses and Broadleaves

Pursuit, Raptor, (Prowl (2 trifol. to < 6"))

Broadleaves

Buctril, 2,4-DB

Companion Crop Seedings

- Buctril
- MCPA, 2,4-D (Rescue only!)



Established Alfalfa Herbicide Options

Between Cuttings

- Grasses and some Broadleaves
 - Gramoxone, Chateau

Postemergence Options

- Grass only
 - Poast, Poast Plus; Select Max, Kerb
- Grasses and Broadleaves
 - Pursuit, Raptor, (Prowl (< 6"))
 - Velpar (dormant or early, < 2"),
 - Sencor, Sinbar, Karmex (dormant only)
 - Kerb
- Broadleaves
 - Buctril, 2,4-DB, Chateau, (MCPA Rescue only!)
- Roundup Ready



Roundup Ready or Not Alfalfa GMO's and You

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Crop Pest Management Short Course Tuesday, November 22, 2005





First perennial GMO crop approved!

- Mkt. share potential is there
 - Not that of RR soybeans and corn, but what else is?



- 2006 Center for Food Safety lawsuit filed
 - Failure to file EPA EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)
- 2007 sale and planting stopped awaiting EIS
- 2010 US Supreme Court overturned 2007 ruling
 - Directed APHIS to make the decision
- By January 2011, 2009 EIS reviewed
 - USDA resumption of sale as of Feb. 2, 2011
- March 2011, Center for Food Safety
 - filed motion challenging USDA authority
- January 2012 District Court denied motion



- Export beyond USA only to countries where allowed
 - Do not export to China
- Do not plant in Imperial Valley, CA. (too much conv. seed production)



Monsanto Tech/ Stewardship agreement

- Harvest before 10% bloom to prevent seed production (promote quality)
- Avoid following alfalfa
- Need more than Rup to terminate
- Manage volunteer alfalfa in rotation crops
- Do not plant in wildlife plots
- MUST sign stewardship agreement (MTSA)
- Can not harvest seed



Why Me????

- Weed control easier
 - But will it pay?
 - Little treated now
 - Better than competitors?
 - Space-Bank the tech fee....



Now what's this going to cost?

- \$130/ 50 lb bag east of the Rockies (\$2.60/lb)
- 12 lb/A seeding rate = \$31.20/A, 15 = \$39.00/A
 - Absent tolerance gene, is it the alfalfa variety you really want?
 - Depreciate costs of tech fee over 3 to 5 years?

http://www.genuity.com/specialty/Pages/Genuity-Roundup-Ready-Alfalfa-Calculator妨est.aspx accessed Jan. 14, 2013



Roundup Ready 2011 Prices

No.	Trt.	Product	Rate	Cost \$/A	Total \$*		
1	Roundup WeatherMax	16	OZ/A	\$3.42			
	N-Pak AMS	2.94	QT/A	\$6.97			
	RR Tech Fee			\$45.00	\$62.39		
2	Roundup WeatherMax	21.3	OZ/A	\$4.56			
	N-Pak AMS	2.94	QT/A	\$6.97			
	RR Tech Fee			\$45.00	\$63.53		
3	Raptor	4	OZ/A	\$17.76			
	Crop Oil Conc.	1	QT/A	\$2.81			
	28% N	2	QT/A	\$4.73	\$32.29		
4	Select	8	OZ/A	\$9.59		2011 U of M	
	Crop Oil Conc.	1	QT/A	\$2.81		deal survey costs.	
	28% N	2	QT/A	\$4.73	\$24.13		
5	Select	10	OZ/A	\$11.99		tech fee based on 15 lb /A seeding rate	
	Buctril	1.25	PT/A	\$11.17		and if only spray once seeding year.	
	Crop Oil Conc.	1	QT/A	\$2.81	\$32.97	*All include \$7/A	
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application costs.

New windows of opportunity....

- Dandelion, white cockle, hoary alyssum, smooth and curly dock, E B nightshade
- Dodder
- Still rate dependent
- Still difficult to control
 - e.g. Colq, Codl etc. still a problem
 - resistance common ragweed, waterhemp



Roundup WeatherMAX, PowerMAX

- 4.5 ae / 5.5 ai K salt
- 5.3 qts / yr including preplant
- 4.1 qts / yr in crop
- 44 fl oz / A single applications
 - -22 to 44 fl oz up to 4 trifoliolate



Supplemental label for Tank Mixes

- Up to 44 fl oz. PowerMAX, WeatherMAX
 - New seeding: Assure II, Poast, Prism,
 Pursiut, Raptor, SelectMAX
 - Established: Kerb 50W, Lexone, Pursuit,
 Raptor, Sencor
 - Dormant: to control quack, downy brome, cheatgrass



- Remove livestock before app., 5 day grazer REI
- 5 day PHI
 - (grazing, cutting or feeding)
 - sequentials at least 7 days apart
 - Up to 10% non RR seed
 - apply 22 fl oz before 3 4 trifoliate to avoid gaps in stand (self-thinning theory)



Roundup Ready Alfalfa Searching for Resistant Weed Options

Chateau (Flumioxazin)

- Primarily annual weed control PRE
- 4 oz/A applied to established alfalfa (previously harvested) alfalfa < 6 inches.
- 25 day PHI
- Warrant (Acetochlor ME)
- Testing tolerance in 2012



Roundup Ready Alfalfa Searching for Resistant Weed Options

Extreme (imazethapyr + glyphosate)

- Established Alfalfa
- 2.2 to 4.4 pt/A
 - 1 pt of nonionic surfactant + 8.5 to 17 lbs/100 gal AMS
 - Postemergence when alfalfa =< 3 in. growth (regrowth)</p>
 - Weeds 1 to 3 inches in height or diameter
 - Combination of glyphosate and imazethapyr
 - Controls most weed species encountered
 - Imazethapyr will provide some residual control
 - 30 day PHI



Even RR won't solve

- Rain on cut hay
- Winter kill
- Disease



- It's the Yield and Quality.....still.
- GMO issues?
 - Not for organic production
- Natural tolerance is there....
- Resistance is here!
- Value gained to off-set technology fee?
- New weed management ops



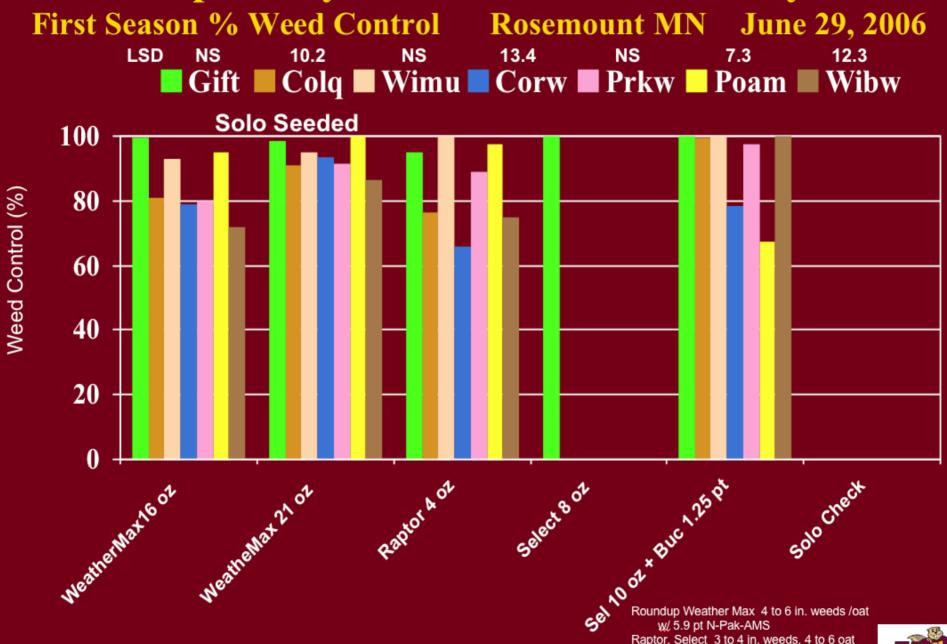
Well, What Do We Know? U of M Establishment Trials

Research 2003 - 2006 at Rosemount and other MN sites

- Solo seeding with herbicides
- Oat-mulch with herbicides
- Oat boot for forage
- Control (no herbicides)
 - Roundup Ready and conventional varieties



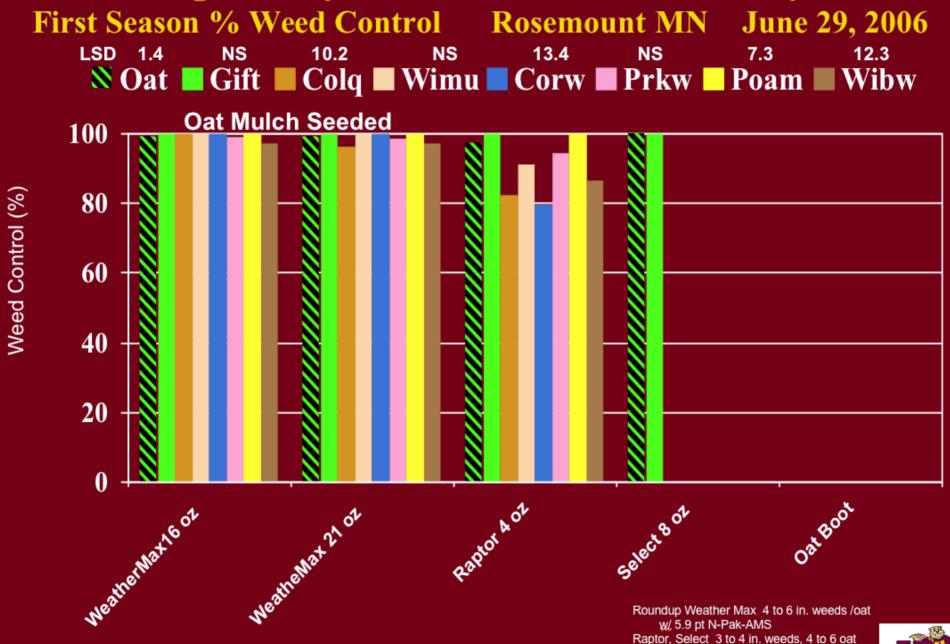
Roundup Ready Alfalfa Establishment Systems





w/ 1qt COC + 2 qt UAN Dekalb RR05-060104 Alfalfa

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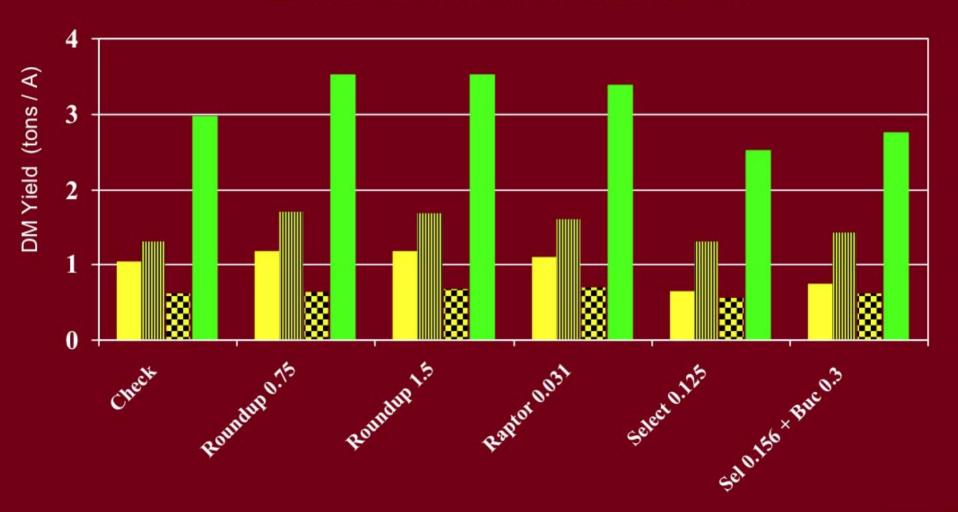




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Roundup Ready Alfalfa Herbicide Comparisons Solo Seeding Alfalfa Yield Rosemount MN 2005

■ 1st Cut IIII 2nd Cut ■ 3rd Cut ■ Total







Roundup Ready Alfalfa 2003 Rosemount MN

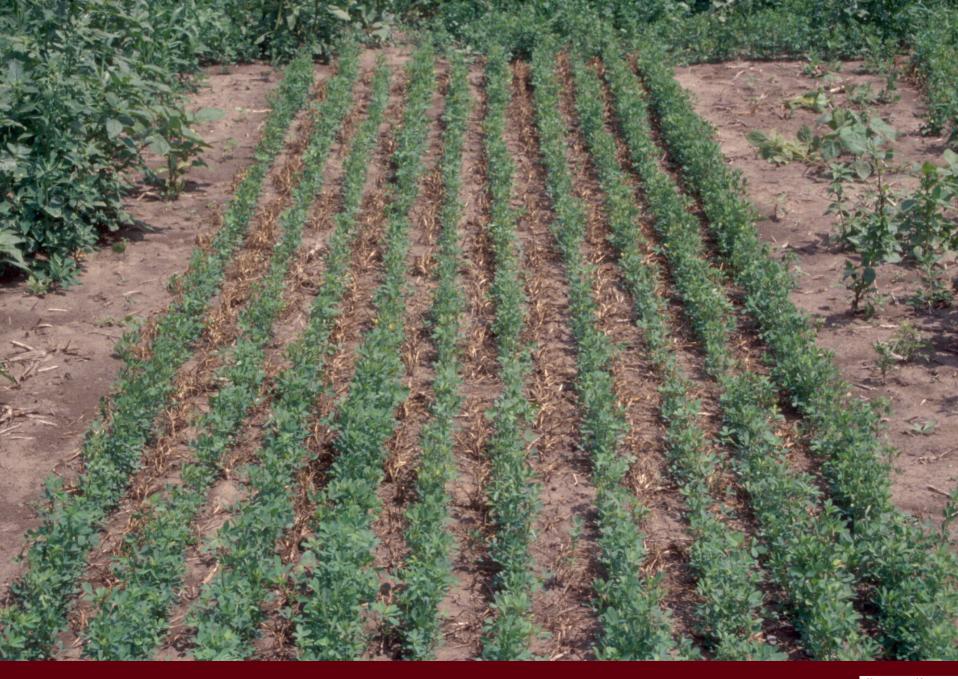




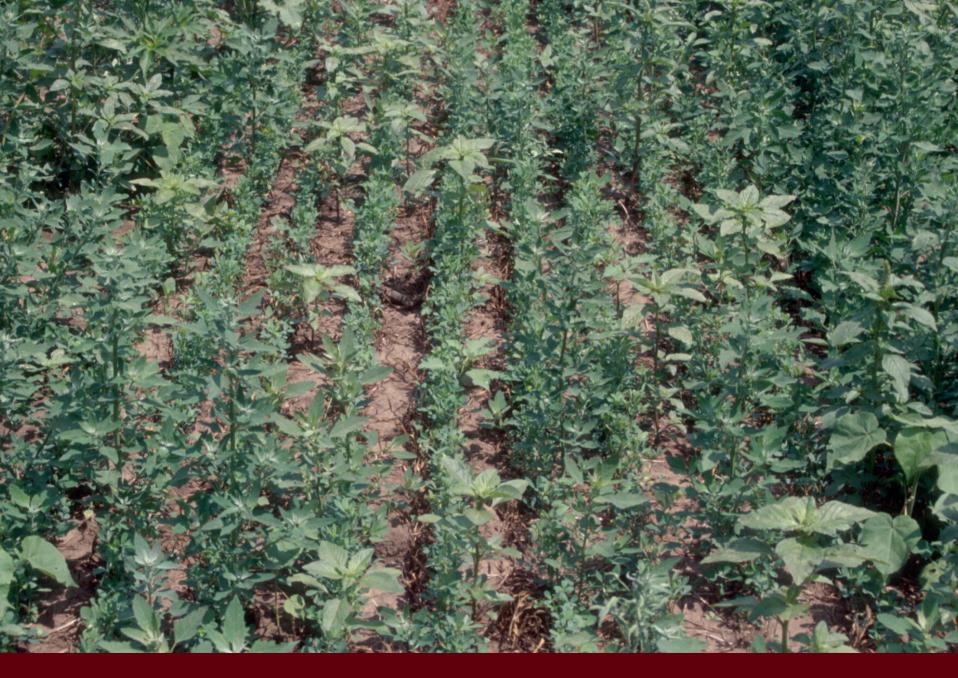




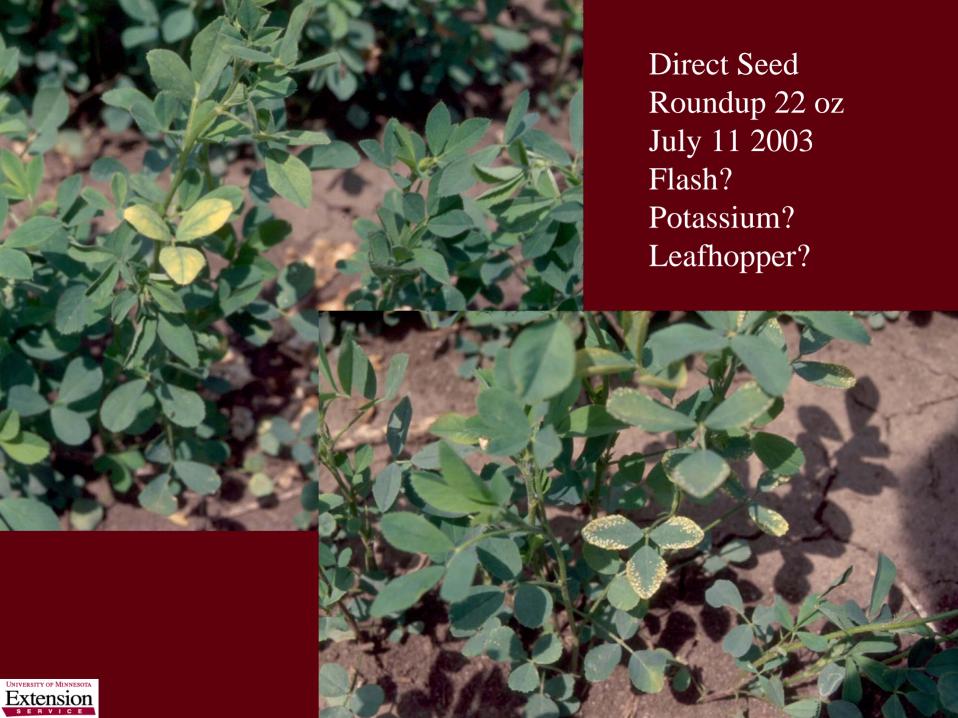




Oat Mulch Roundup WeatherMax 22 oz (0.75) July 11, 2003 Extension SERVICE



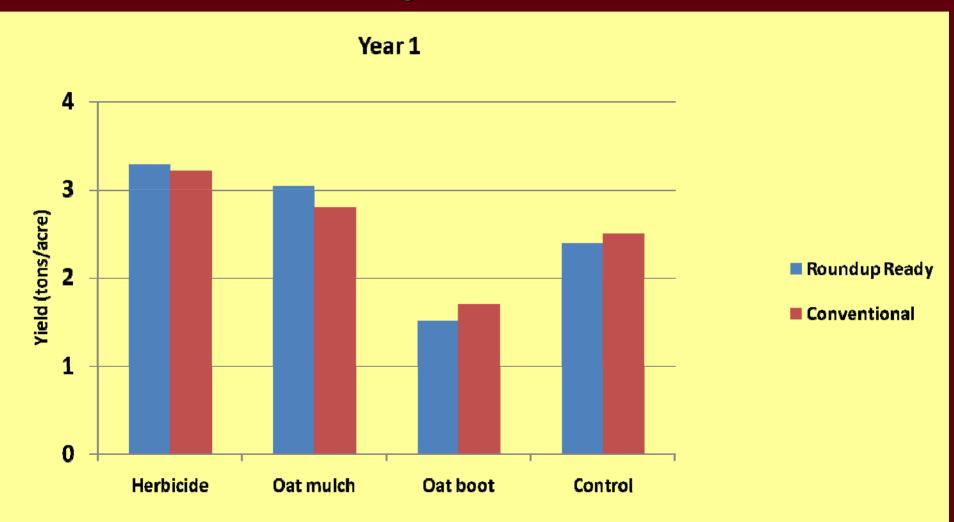




Roundup Ready Alfalfa vs. Conventional Systems

Rosemount MN

Seeding Year Yields

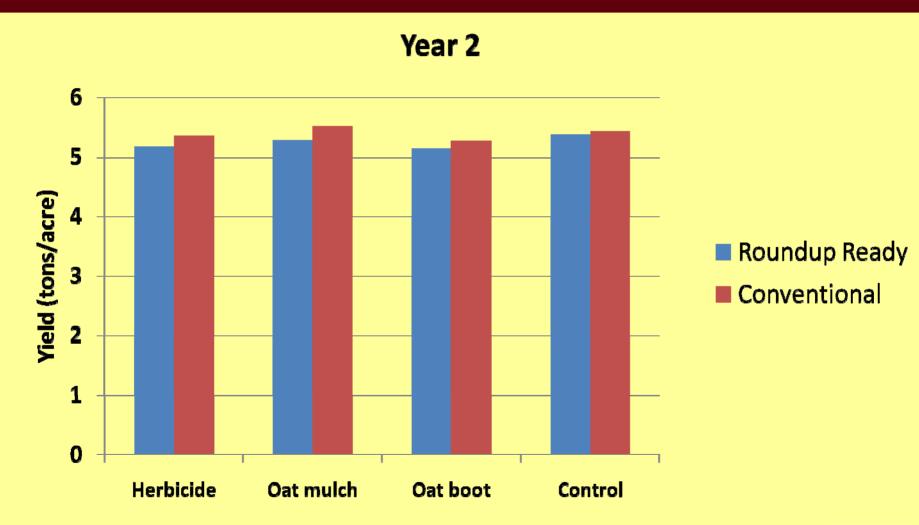




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2nd Year Established Yields

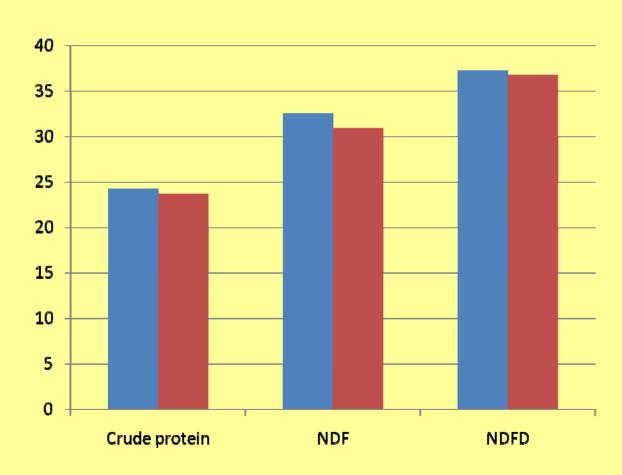


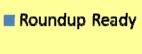


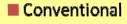
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MN research conclusion:



- Forage yield and quality similar for RR and conventional alfalfa varieties
- Establishment
 treatment effects
 consistent for both
 alfalfa types



Alfalfa entry (variety/experimental population) forage yield and quality (Sheaffer et al.)

	2004	2005	
Variety	Forage Yield	Forage Yield	RFQ
	T/A	T/A	
RR 202	3.2	5.4	180
RR 257	3.1	5.2	185
RR 200	3.3	5.3	195
RR 286	3.2	5.3	191
RR 250	3.1	4.9	184
RR 218	3.2	5.1	188
RR 209	3.2	5.1	186
RR 216	3.3	5.3	183
54V46	3.2	5.3	184
Rebound 5.0	3.3	5.4	186
Mean	3.2	5.2	186
LSD (0.05)	NS	NS	NS



Other Roundup Ready Alfalfa Studies

Solo seeding trials





Select 8 oz. (0.125 ae) COC 28% RR cultivar











Raptor 4 oz. (0.031 ae) COC 28% RR cultivar



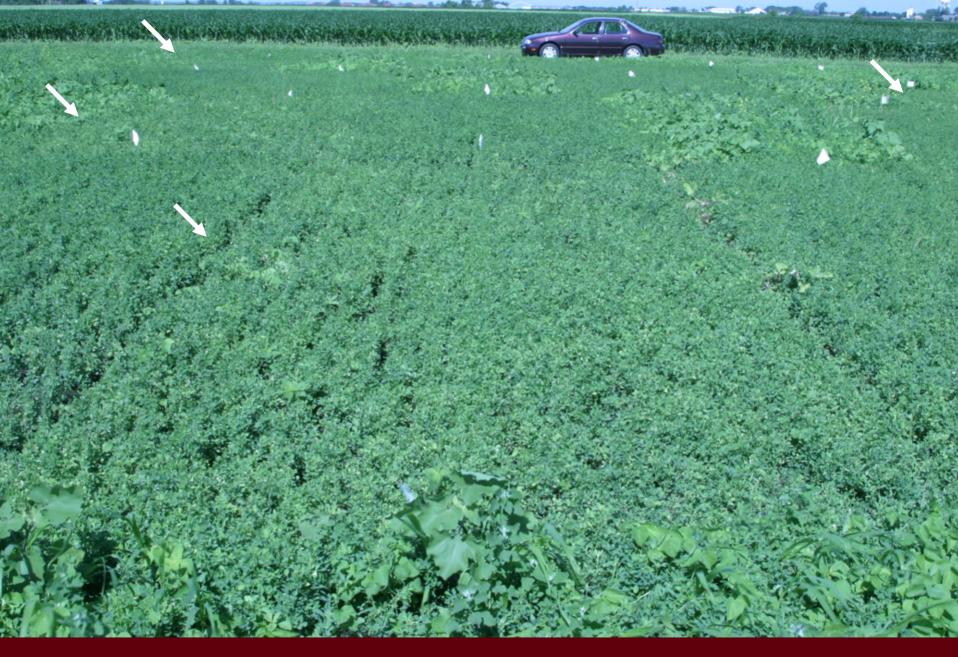


Roundup WeatherMax 44 oz. (1.5 ae) RR cultivar









Select 10 oz. + Buctril 1.25 pts (0.156 + 0.31 ae) COC RR cultivar



Roundup Ready Alfalfa

Weed Mgt Trial



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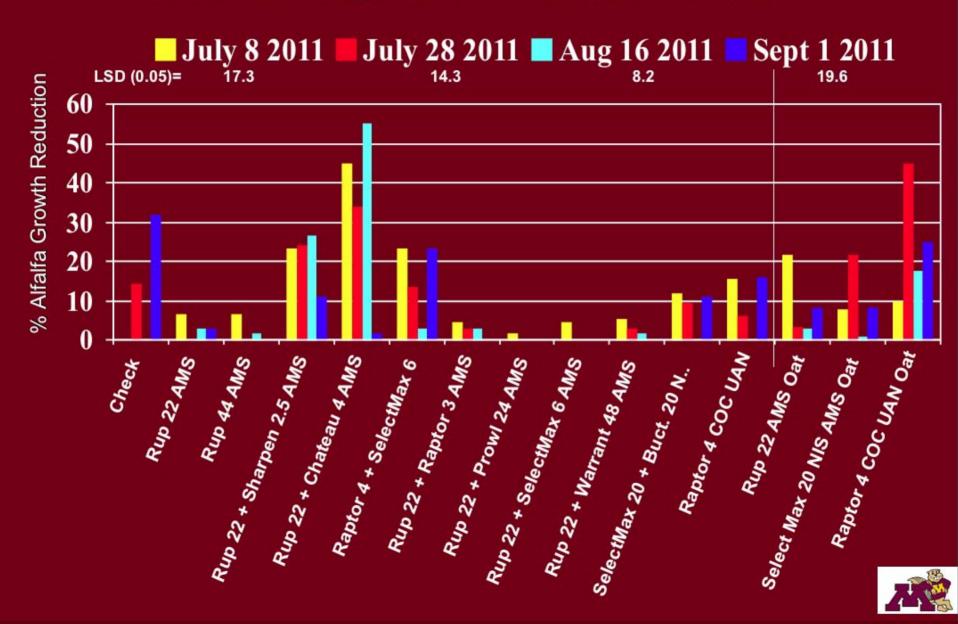
Roundup Ready Alfalfa Weed Mgt Treatment List

Trt.			Weed/Oat	Seeding
No.	Product	Product Rate/A	Stage	Method
1	Untreated Check			Direct
2	Roundup 4.5 + AMS	22 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
3	Roundup 4.5 + AMS	44 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
4	Roundup 4.5 + Sharpen 2.85 FL + AMS	22 oz + 2.5 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
5	Roundup 4.5 + Chateau 51 WDG + AMS	22 oz + 4 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
6	Raptor 1 SL + SelectMax 0.97 EC	4 oz + 6 oz	3-4 in.	Direct
8	Roundup 4.5 + Raptor 1 SL+ AMS	22 oz + 3 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
9	Roundup 4.5 + Prowl H2O 3.8 ME + AMS	22 oz + 1.5 pt + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
10	Roundup 4.5 + SelectMax 0.97 EC+ AMS	22 oz + 6 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
11	Roundup 4.5 + Warrant 3 ME+ AMS	22 oz + 3 pt + 2% v/v	4-6 in.	Direct
12	Select Max 0.97L + Buctril 2.0 EC + NIS + AMS	20 oz + 1.25 pt + 0.25 % v/v +2.5 lbs/A	3-4 in.	Direct
13	Raptor 1 SL + COC + 28%	4 oz + 1 qt + 2 qt	3-4 in.	Direct
14	Roundup 4.5 + AMS	22 oz + 2% v/v	4-6 in. oat	Oat Mulch
15	Select Max 0.97L + NIS + AMS	20 oz + 0.25 % v/v + 2.5 lbs/A	4-6 in. oat	Oat Mulch
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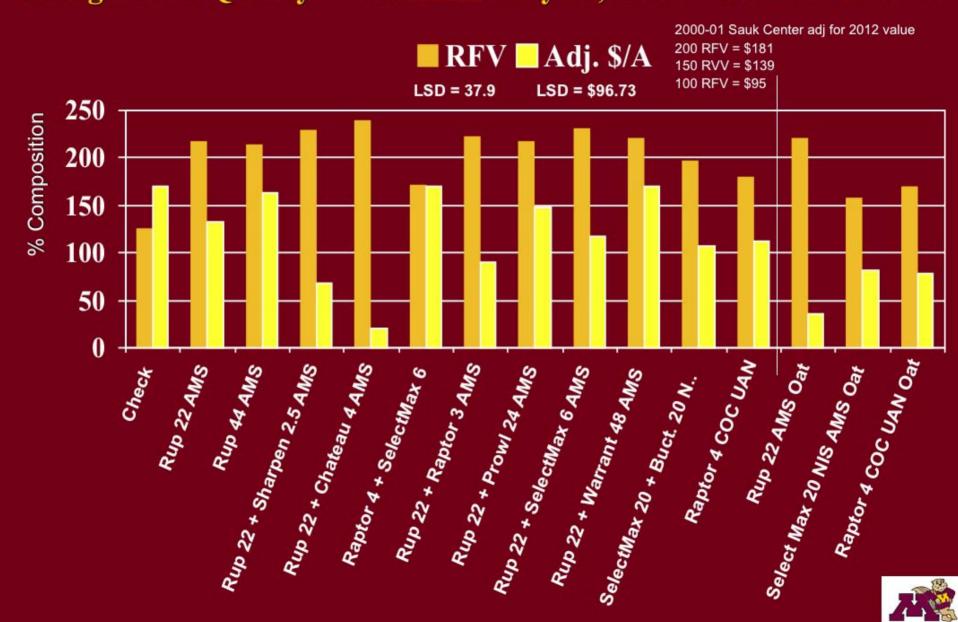
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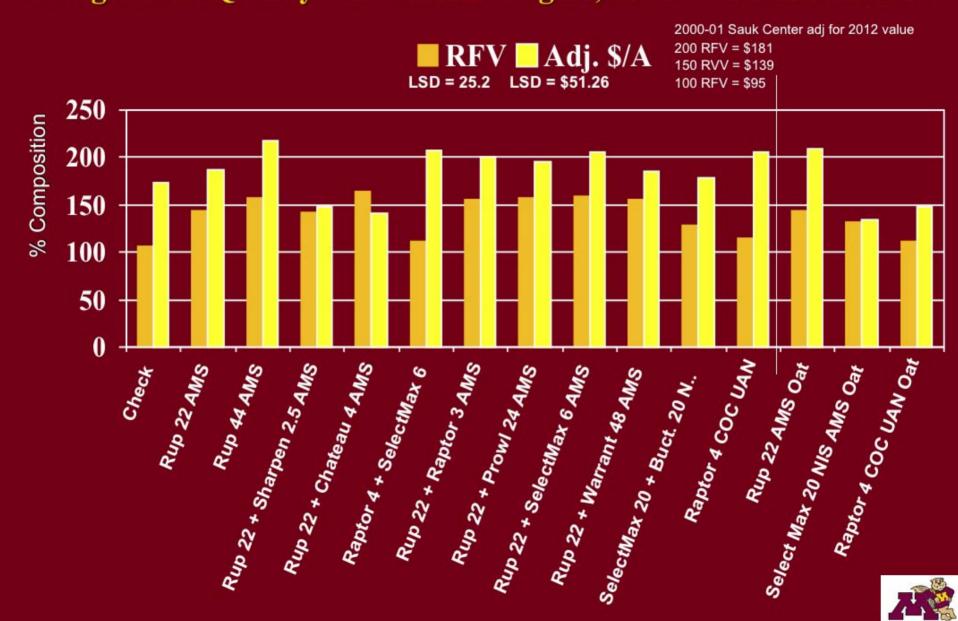
Roundup Ready Alfalfa Establishment Systems First Season Crop Injury Rosemount MN, 2011



Roundup Ready Alfalfa Establishment Systems Forage Yield/Quality 1st Hary. July 13, 2011 Rosemount MN



Roundup Ready Alfalfa Establishment Systems Forage Yield/Quality 2nd Hary. Aug 23, 2011 Rosemount MN



Roundup Ready Alfalfa Weed Mgt. Rosemount, MN



Roundup Ready Alfalfa Weed Mgt. Rosemount, MN



July 8 2011. Oat Mulch trt.

Roundup 22 oz.

Select MAX 20 oz.

Raptor 4 oz.

Roundup Ready Alfalfa Weed Mgt. Rosemount, MN



July 8 2011.

Rup + Sharpen

Rup + Chateau

Roundup Ready Alfalfa Can We Terminate It?

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Alfalfa Termination Trial Trt. List

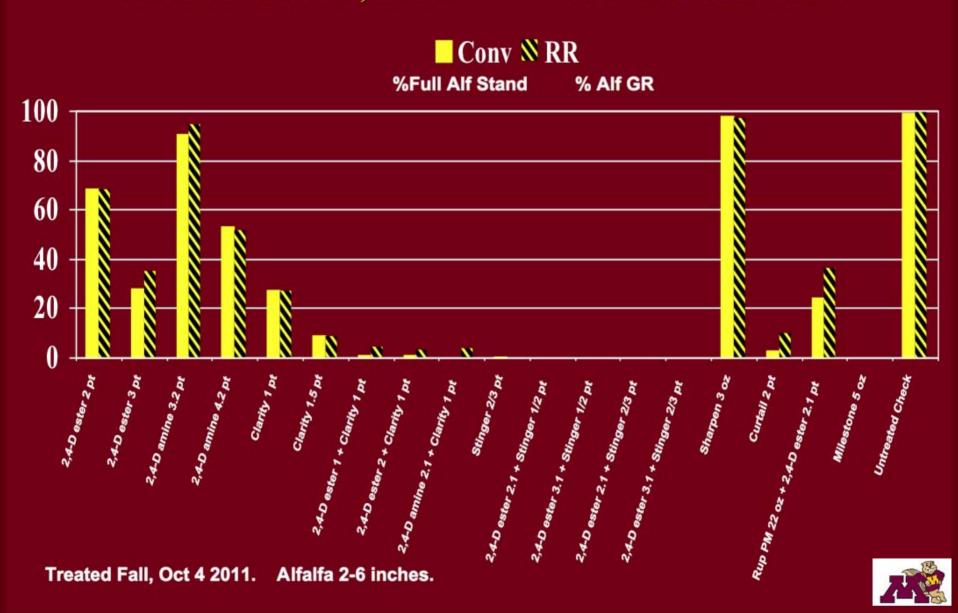
Seeded May 4th Pioneer 54V46 (standard) RR alfalfa = Dekalb DKA41-18RR

	Trt.	
Application Timing		Product (Rate/A)
Oct 4 2011 2-6 in. Alf	1	2,4-Dester 2 pt
	2	2,4-Dester 3 pt
	3	2,4-D amine 3.2 pt
	4	2,4-D amine 4.2 pt
	5	Clarity 1 pt
	6	Clarity 1.5 pt
	7	2,4-Dester 1 + Clarity 1 pt
	8	2,4-D ester 2 + Clarity 1 pt
	9	2,4-D amine 2.1 + Clarity 1 pt
	10	Stinger 2/3 pt
	11	2,4-D ester 2.1 + Stinger 1/2 pt
	12	2,4-D ester 3.1 + Stinger 1/2 pt
	13	2,4-D ester 2.1 + Stinger 2/3 pt
	14	2,4-D ester 3.1 + Stinger 2/3 pt
	15	Sharpen 3 oz
	16	Curtail 2 pt
	17	Rup PM 22 oz + 2,4-D ester 2.1 pt
	18	Milestone 5 oz
	19	Untreated Check
April 20 2012 6-8 in. Alf	20	2,4-D ester 3.1 pt
	21	Clarity 2 pt
	22	2,4-Dester 2.1 + Clarity 1 pt
	23	Stinger 2/3 pt
	24	Curtail 2 pt
May 11 2012 13-16 in. Alf	25	2,4-D ester 3.1 pt
	26	Clarity 2 pt
	27	2,4-Dester 2.1 + Clarity 1 pt
	28	Stinger 2/3 pt
	29	Curtail 2 pt
April 20 2012 6 9 in Alf 2 4 D Enter 2 14	30	Milestone 5 oz
April 20 2012 6-8 in Alf 2,4-D Ester 3 pt	31	2,4-D ester 2 pt
+ (Rup PM 22 oz + In Crop Bldf Trt.)	32 33	Clarity 1 pt Status 5 oz
	34	Status 10 oz
	35	Hornet 3 oz + Clarity 5 oz
	33	Hornet 3 02 + Clarity 5 02



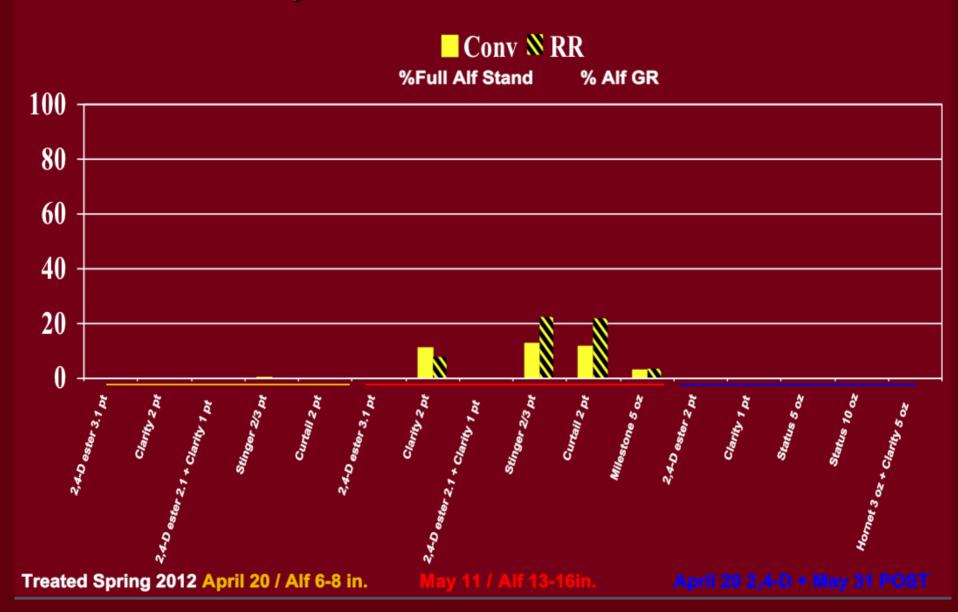
Sept 29, 2011. No trt. applied yet. RR Alfalfa. Conv. Alfalfa.

Alfalfa Termination Study Rated June 19, 2012 Rosemount MN



Alfalfa Termination Study Rated July 15, 2012 Rosemount MN





Alfalfa Termination Study Rosemount, MN Oct 21, 2011. Fall trt. applied Oct 4. Close-up



Nov 11, 2011. Fall trt. applied Oct 4.



May 15, 2012. Fall trt. -applied Oct 4.

Spring trt. -applied April 20

-applied May 11



July 15, 2012.

April 20 2012 with May 31 POST trt. now applied.

Roundup Ready Alfalfa Can We Interseed Grasses?



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Alfalfa Grass Interseed Study June 16, 2011

Rosemount, MN



Alfalfa Grass Interseed Study Rosemount, MN July 15, 2012 Close-up



Alfalfa Warrant Residual Study Rosemount, MN





Effect of Weed Management in Roundup Ready Alfalfa on Forage Productivity and Longevity

Michigan State Univ. Study: Could RR alfalfa improve longevity under frequent cutting due to removal of weed interference with minimal crop injury?

RR alfalfa yield, weed invasion, alfalfa stand persistence and relative forage quality (RFQ) seeded 2003, managed until 2010

- 3 weed control methods (no herbicide, glyphosate, and hexazinone)
- 2 harvest frequencies (high and moderate)



Effect of Weed Management in Roundup Ready Alfalfa on Forage Productivity and Longevity

Michigan State Univ. 2003 to 2010 (7 years)

- stand density decreased approx. 90%
 - natural thinning regardless of harvest intensity or herbicide treatment
 - weed removal and harvest intensity did not effect stand persistence
- yield decreased approx. 30%
 - Alfalfa yield not affected by herbicide treatments most years
 - relative forage quality sign. higher under high vs. moderate intensity harvesting system 4 of 6 years
 - RFQ not affected by weed removal with herbicides most years
 - No differences in weed biomass (glyphosate and hexazinone trts., except in 2007. Colq)



Seeding rates for RR alfalfas

- Wisconsin studies have shown that, due to better weed control Roundup, 10-12 lbs of Roundup Ready alfalfa seed per acre is adequate
- However, seeding rate recommendation is complicated by seed coatings, seeding equipment, and producer philosophy

http://hayandforage.com/hay/alfalfa/cut-roundup-ready-alfalfa-costs-0301/





Questions? http://appliedweeds.cfans.umn.edu/

