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PLANTING GRASS IN ALFALFA SOD

Control of Vegetation

Alfalfa Control -- Research has shown that the most consistent alfalfa control results from a combination of 2,4-D + Banvel. Applications may be made in the spring or fall when the alfalfa has 4 inches of new growth. Applications in mid to late April are most effective. The herbicide should be applied to alfalfa when weather forecasts indicate daytime air temperatures will be 55 degrees Fahrenheit or above for several days. Alfalfa control will be certain when it is growing vigorously at these temperatures. Alfalfa should be killed as early in the spring as growing conditions permit to conserve soil moisture.

Planting

Killed alfalfa sod is considered an acceptable seedbed for grass plantings in the Conservation Reserve Program.

Application rates and waiting periods may vary with soil conditions. Herbicides will be applied according to "Herbicide Use in Nebraska" in section II-D-5 of the Field Office Technical Guide or the product label.

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