

Alfalfa Report

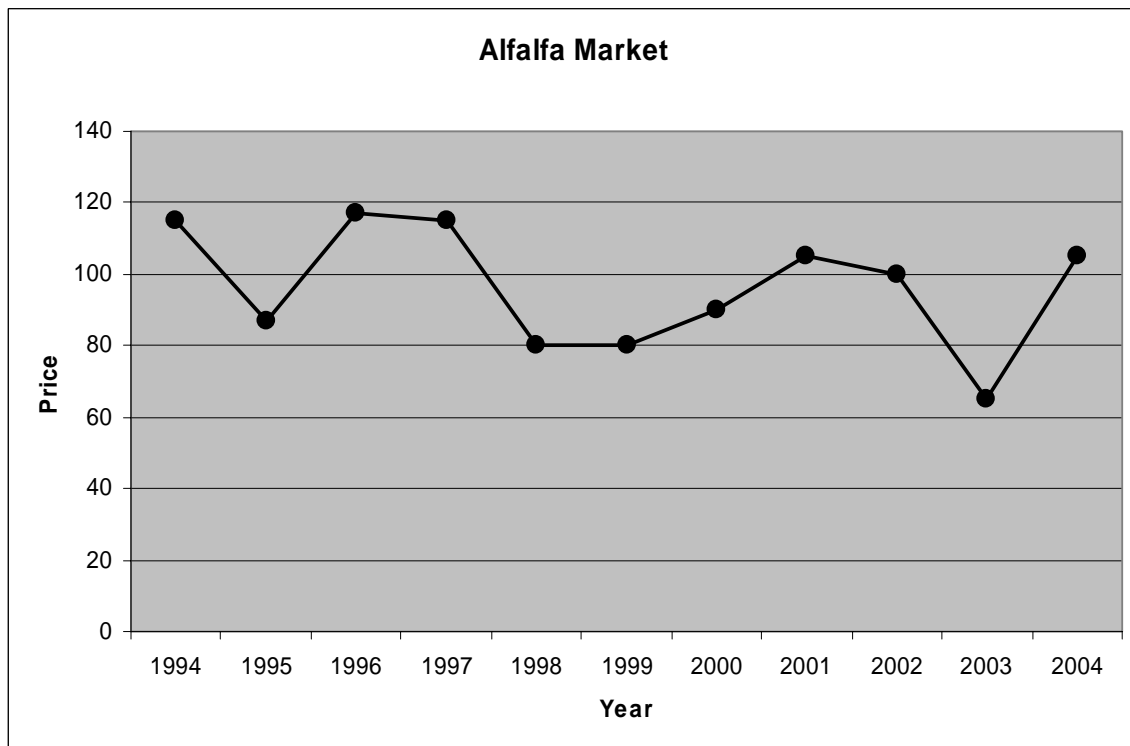
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Pesticide injury: Temporary injury to alfalfa from use of certain herbicides has been documented and is well-known. Insecticides are generally considered safe and not harmful to crop growth. However, some emulsifiers can reduce photosynthesis for up to 2 weeks. This may explain differing results that can be obtained with different formulations of the same insecticide.

Insect Management: Adult palestriped flea beetles often migrate to seedling alfalfa stands. Adults feed on the upper leaf tissues leaving windows. Seedling alfalfa can often sustain much feeding damage without hurting stand establishment

Weed Control: Although the highest market prices are received in the fall and spring, the highest per acre returns occur in the summer cuttings when yields are highest. It is sometimes most economical to sheep off fields during the winter months.

<u>Market Summary</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Offgrade</u>
Past 2 weeks	110	95	105	90-100
Last year	70	55	65	50-55



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