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Alfalfa, that crop upon which thousands of stockmen and dairymen depend for a substantial supply of feed, has been threatened in many sections by the ravages of the alfalfa weevil. This pest is responsible for the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to alfalfa growers in Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming. But there is a remedy—a sure one—which seven years of experimental work by the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, has demonstrated, will, when properly applied, as completely destroy the weevil as the weevil, when unmolested, will destroy the alfalfa crop.

The cost of applying the remedy is trifling when compared with the results. It consists in spraying with arsenical solution, the proper application of which is described in Farmers' Bulletin 1185, "Sprenging for the Alfalfa Weevil," just published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Tests Prove Successful

Seldom has any newly recommended method of insect control been so thoroughly safeguarded against failure as alfalfa weevil

sprenging. Any entomologist of the department. Every season for seven years it has been tested and proved successful. During one season field trials were conducted in cooperation with farm bureaus. In the course of which over 4,000 acres were successfully sprayed by practical farmers, many of whom were without experience in any kind of spraying. The Farm Bureau News of Sevier County, Utah, reports a saving of \$15,000 by this means, and estimates from other sources raise the total to \$40,000. The spray can be made with arsenate of lead or arsenite of zinc, both of which have been used with complete success. Where arsenate of lead is used the poison is weighed or measured for use at the rate of 2 pounds of powder, or 4 pounds of the commercial paste, to each 100 gallons of water. It is prepared by stirring the poison in a little water until it becomes a thin paste without lumps. It is then diluted and strained and 2 pounds of laundry soap, which assists in making the solution spread more readily and stick to the leaves, is added.

There is practically no danger of burning the foliage of alfalfa. To be most effective, the spray should be mixed just before use and kept stirred up so as to prevent the settling and clogging of the pipes in the spray pump. Care should also be taken to keep out all dirt and lint which might interfere with the free passage of the solution through the spray nozzle.

It is important that the spray be applied at the proper time, which is when the young larvae of the weevil become so numerous that they completely destroy the growing tips and thus stop the growth of the alfalfa plants. Spraying before this time will fail to catch all of the weevil, and if the application is delayed the pest will destroy so much of the crop that it will be beyond recovery.

In the field infested with the weevil the tops of the plants are as white as if they had been frost bitten. The injury spreads downward, and before the normal cutting time, if the field is allowed to stand, the whole plant is bare of leaves and the green cover has been stripped from the stems. Before this state is reached, or, usually, about one or two weeks before the first crop is ready for cutting, is the proper time for spraying. If the larvae have been poisoned through spraying of the first crop, the second crop sprouts and grows without delay and no further treatment is necessary.

Spraying Time Limited. As the proper time for spraying is limited, it is essential that all preparations, such as securing the spray material and overhauling or repairing the spray machinery, be done in advance. Spray nozzles designed to give a misty spray, sometimes called hollow-cone, eddy-chamber, cyclone whirlpool, and cover-spray nozzles, are best for this work since the purpose is to make a fine, even coating upon the upper foliage where the larvae usually feed. The character of the spray produced by the nozzle of this type depends principally upon the pressure. With pressure below 75 pounds, many of the spray particles collect into drops and roll off the foliage. As the pressure increases the spray becomes finer and covers the foliage more completely. As the success of the work depends largely upon covering as nearly as possible all of the sprayed foliage, the pressure should not fall below 75, and might well be kept at 100 or more pounds.

The type and size of spray used depends upon the area which is to be covered. Any pump, with brass lining, valves and pistons, capable of delivering four-fifths of a gallon or more per minute, and maintaining a pressure of 75 pounds, can be used for this purpose. The best results have been obtained with nozzles working two feet above the alfalfa, each nozzle, as it moves across the field, spraying a strip two feet wide. The spray pump should be regulated to deliver 100 gallons of spray mixture per acre. At this rate the actual cost of spraying is about \$1 per acre, of which approximately 60 cents is

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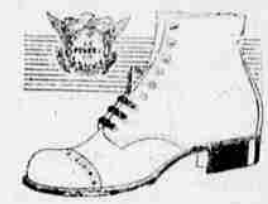
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