Benfluralin (Benefin) Use in Montana: Alfalfa Seed Production

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Benfluralin is used in alfalfa seed production in Montana. It is pre-plant incorporated and is applied at 2 pounds product per acre.

In Montana, the more severe spring climate can damage alfalfa seedlings. Here the pre-plant herbicide of choice is benefin because it causes less damage to the crop than a tank mix of Eptam/Treflan. In Montana spring weather damage can be great enough that using Eptam/Treflan pre-plant would result in an alfalfa stand that isn't viable, rather a reduced stand.

I hope that you find this additional information useful.

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