



EXAMINING ALFALFA FIELDS FOR WEEVIL Thursday are left to right, George Berggren, extension agronomist, Ben Landis, Paradise R1 custom spray operator, and John O Pepper, extension entomologist. Very little weevil damage was found in fields where dieltrin was used last fall. In this field near Paradise the alfalfa was nearly 18 inches tall and was pushing buds near the crown. When these buds develop, following quarts of Methoxychlor per acre, very good control in the county, he added.

● Spray Program
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now be killed by the application of three quarts of Methoxychlor (25 per cent wettable powder) in 20 gallons or more of water per acre.

George Berggren, Extension Agronomist, in commenting on the weed problem in some new stands of alfalfa suggested that new seedings with large amounts

of shepard's purse or wild rutabaga or mustard in the crop should be chopped for silage as soon as the crop is ready.

Some of the weeds are developed enough to mature their seeds from the juice in their stems if the crop is mowed and dried for hay. Putting the crop through the silo will kill most of the weed seed and help control the crop next year.

Many alfalfa fields are mature enough to prevent any damage to later crops if harvested in the next week, but for the good of later cuttings, new seedings should not be harvested before ten percent of the crop has blossomed.

Pepper said farmers with weevil problems have two choices. They can spray now and wait seven days before harvest, or they can harvest

as soon as possible and spray the stubble to control weevil in the second crop. If the crop is harvested and the stubble sprayed, the rate of application should be at back from three to two quarts of Methoxychlor per acre. Unless there are changes in the government regulations, the spray program for alfalfa is likely to be about the same this year as last year, Pepper said. Dieltrin applied in the fall has given very good control in the county, he added.

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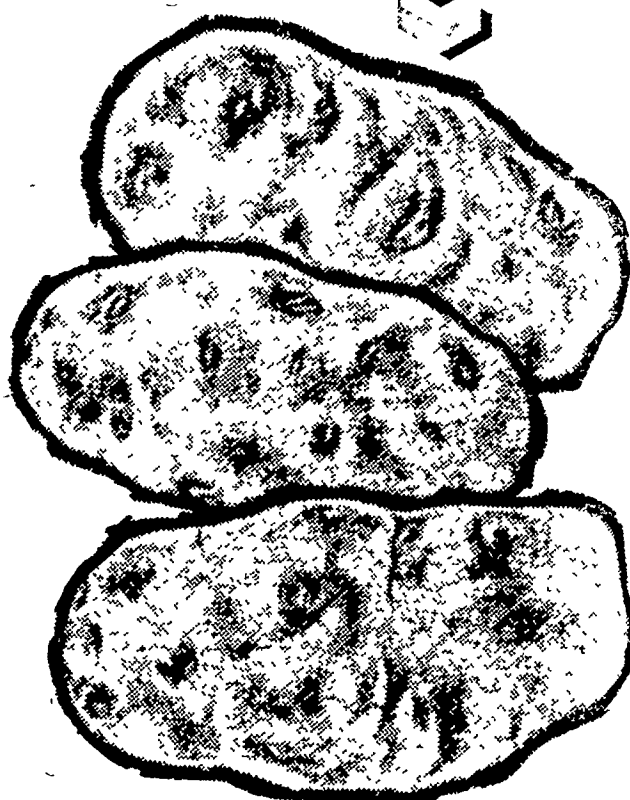
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