

DOEBLER'S ALFALFAS

A step ahead on crop protection

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"What's Aphanomyces?"

We hear that question a lot since introducing Doebler's Precedent, one of the very few alfalfas resistant to this new disease.

Aphanomyces won its name as the scourge of Midwest pea crops. Recently it spun off a strain that attacks alfalfa.

Water-logged seedlings are hit the hardest. If you seeded a Phytophthora-resistant alfalfa this past spring and still found a lot of root rot, this new fungus could be the culprit.

Hard winters and other diseases can be equally devastating. Here's how Doebler's alfalfas protect your crop:

SEVEN-WAY PROTECTION

	Precedent	Starmaster
Winter hardiness	Very good	Excellent
Bacterial Wilt	Highly Resistant	Resistant
Verticillium Wilt	Highly Resistant	Resistant
Anthracnose	Resistant	Moderately Resistant
Fusarium Wilt	Resistant	Resistant
Phytophthora RR	Highly Resistant	Highly Resistant
Aphanomyces	Resistant	-----



Disease resistance gives you longer stands and 10 to 15% higher yields in later years, extension agents say. We feel our new Precedent and Starmaster do even better. And Eastern alfalfa trials confirm it.

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Alfalfa test plots take a lot of hand work. I'm Bill Camerer with small cutterbar mower, above. Matt McCormick is on wooden rake. We harvest our 128 entries every 30 days, weather permitting. Then we weigh hay, at right, and calculate tons per acre.

