

Using Manure to Meet Nutrient Needs of Alfalfa

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Farmers sometimes hesitate to spend money on potash, but they may be able to meet some or most of their alfalfa crop's nutrient needs with manure. In this presentation, Carrie will show farmers the nutrient concentrations and value of manure as well as offer pointers on which types of alfalfa stands will make the best use of manure applications.



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