

## Getting Ready for Spring

With the spring seeding season right around the corner it time to decide which crops a person should be planting. With barley showing some strength as far as pricing is concerned. It will be a crop that we should take a look at once again. Whether you look at malt or feed barley, they both require fewer input dollars than wheat. With that said it is time to think about looking at our records of where such chemicals as Maverick, Olympus or Olympus Flex have been applied, along with other chemicals that might leave a residual that could harm your potential crops. With that said about spring barley we will need to be looking at the hay ground to see if there is cheatgrass or other winter annuals that need to be taken care of before the haying season.

There is a larger supply of Round-up Ready alfalfa this year than last, but the supplies are still not the best. If you have some areas with tough weed problems this could be a tool that you could use to help with these weeds.

With the increased prices of fertilizer, we need to be planning our soil sampling, so we can get the most efficient use out of our fertilizer dollar. Please call your local agronomist or fertilizer specialist to help you with these needs.

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