

Harvesting Oats and Barley as Yellowfeed

The project objective is to demonstrate the use of glyphosate to preserve standing oats and barley until it dries down enough to be cut for hay.

Yellowfeed is the practice of spraying a greenfeed crop with glyphosate to stop its maturity and to preserve quality until it can be cut and baled. This practice is useful in years when frequent rains during harvest slow the drying of hay and result in loss of quality in the swath. By killing the crop with glyphosate and halting its maturity, it can stand for a number of weeks without losing much quality and until it is dry enough to swath and bale. The concern expressed by producers is the crop may lose quality standing and it does not dry sufficiently standing that it can be cut and baled on the same day. If the crop needs to lie in the swath it will be subject to quality loss just as greenfeed would.

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