

## Foliar Feeding Alfalfa

- Foliar feeding alfalfa is a good way to get growth and quality from your alfalfa. More tonnage may not necessarily be obtained from foliar feeding alfalfa, alfalfa benefits because of an increase in Relative Feed Value. **Higher quality alfalfa translates into a higher rate of gain for your livestock.**
- Typical application rates are 3-5 gal/A applied when there has been 3-4 inches of regrowth after each cutting. Use a nonionic surfactant or similar product to improve nutrient uptake
- What doesn't land on the leaves lands on the soil, and is similar to broadcast application.
- Don't completely eliminate all other fertilizer practices, **a balanced healthy soil must be maintained, but a healthy soil is not maintained by fertilizers alone.** A greater response from foliar feeding will be obtained on the healthiest soils.
- Micronutrients such as Boron, Magnesium, and Manganese are often more responsive to foliar fertilization; however, all nutrients can be foliar fed. Potassium, Phosphorus, and Sulfur are promising nutrients to utilize in a foliar feeding program for alfalfa.