

## Alfalfa: Farmer Gets Impressive Hay Yield

The 2007 growing season was dry for many farmers who depend on their crops to sustain them.

However, AGGRAND Dealer Edward Myers, Manfield, Ohio, harvested an unprecedented five cuttings of alfalfa using AGGRAND 4-3-3 Natural Fertilizer.

“I thought with the AMSOIL being so good, this AGGRAND 4-3-3 must be good, so I tried it. It was a drought this past summer,” Myers said. “Even as dry as it was, I still got my hay for the year. I was like a little kid when I went out to cut my hay.”

Myers is a lift truck operator by trade, but his passion is his 80-acre Piedmontese beef cattle farm. He raises them organically, Myers said. The breed is increasingly popular because it’s low fat and low cholesterol, he said.



He’s often told his farm is too small to be successful, but he’s determined to prove otherwise.

“This farm can provide for me and my wife,” Myers said.

One way to make the farm go is to grow his own hay, he said. “I need 210 bales of hay at the end of the season to feed the cattle,” Myers said. “I won’t buy hay. I’ll sell cattle before I’ll buy hay.”

Myers has exclusively used AGGRAND Natural Fertilizers for the past two years.

“I used to get three cuttings,” he said. “This year I got five. It’s the first time in 20 years of farming.”

He needed the extra cuttings this year because the weather wreaked havoc with his crops.

“The first cutting this year got knocked down by a late frost,” Myers said. “The second and third were bad because of the drought.”

He got a pretty good cutting the fourth time and another one the fifth, Myers said. “We cut every 30 days, or thereabouts, he said. “Even as dry as it was I still got my hay for the year. I had 215 bales as of October 1.”

He seeded the alfalfa for the winter and sprayed it with AGGRAND 4-3-3. “It’s about 8 inches tall,” Myers said in November. “It’s probably the best stand I’ve ever had.”

His neighbors told him he’d have weevils if he didn’t use insecticide. “My alfalfa has no holes in the leaves,” Myers said. “The weevils are not getting my crops. Something in the AGGRAND makes the alfalfa sweet, and the weevil will not eat anything sweet.”

A field of mixed grasses on his place that usually has little clover in it, is also growing better than ever before after an applicaiton of AGGRAND 4-3-3, Myers said.

“It’s growing wild,” he said. “I’ve never seen so much clover on this farm. It’s eight to ten inches tall. It’s not even supposed to get that tall.”

He plans to experiment with a change-up of AGGRAND products next year to raise the ph level in the soil for the alfalfa, Myers said. He will add AGGRAND Liquid Lime and AGGRAND Natural Kelp and Sulfate of Potash 0-0-8.

One of his Commercial accounts is going to try AGGRAND next season because he’s paying more than \$58 an acre to fertilize with conventional fertilizer, Myers said. “I’m going to work with him to see what happens,” he said.

Myers also reports AGGRAND 4-3-3 won’t make animals sick. A man he knows had a dog that ate an entire bottle of the 4-3-3. “It didn’t get sick or anything,” Myers said. “The guy said, ‘I got a 20-foot dog, though!’”