Direct Seeding Alfalfa In Your Rotation

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Topics To Cover

• Farm Overview
• Benefits of Alfalfa in our Rotation
• Equipment and Planting How-To’s
• Management Issues
• Irrigation Needs
• Question and Answers
Farm Overview: McNabb Farms, Inkom, ID

- Direct Seeder Since 1978
- Average Rainfall = 12-15” in Winter Snow
- Crops: Wheat, barley, alfalfa, with cover crops
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Direct Seed Drills:

1) John Deere Deep Band Drill
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Direct Seed Drills:

1) Case Air Drill
Benefits of Alfalfa in Direct Seed System
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Field Prep
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Seeding
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Management
Management Issues
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Swathing
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Turning
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Baling
Equipment and Planting How-To’s: Hauling
Irrigation Needs & Considerations
Final Thoughts and Benefits