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Fungicide Efficacy for Control of Alfalfa Diseases

The North Central Integrated Pest Management Alfalfa Working Group has developed ratings for how well fungicides control major alfalfa diseases in the United States. This group determined efficacy ratings for each fungicide listed in the table by field testing the materials over multiple years and locations. Ratings are based on the product's level of disease control only. A product's efficacy depends upon proper application timing, rate, and application method as determined by the product label and overall disease level in the field at the time of application. Differences in efficacy among each fungicide product were determined by comparing products in University field testing programs. For application timing and use considerations, please contact your local cooperative extension service. **Products listed in the table are labeled for pure alfalfa stands. Not all products listed are labeled for use in mixed alfalfa/grass stands.** The table is not intended to be a list of all labeled products, and products may be labeled to control additional diseases such as downy mildew, powdery mildew, and rust. Many products have specific use restrictions about the amount of active ingredient that can be applied within a period of time or the amount of sequential applications that can occur. Read and follow all use restrictions prior to applying any fungicide.



Anthracnose
Craig Grau



Stemphylium leaf spot
Deborah Samac

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Fungicide Efficacy for Control of Alfalfa Disease Table (03/2026)

Efficacy categories: P = Poor; F = Fair; G = Good; VG = Very Good; E = Excellent;

NL = Not labeled for use against this disease; U = Labeled, but unknown efficacy or insufficient data to rank.

Fungicide mode of action groups:

Group 11 QoI Strobilurins | Group 3 DMI Triazoles | Group 7 SDHI Carboxamides

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		Active ingredient (%)	Product/Trade name	Rate/A (fl oz) unless specified	Anthracnose	Common leaf spot	Leptosphaerulina leaf spot	Spring black stem and leaf spot	Stem phylium leaf spot	Summer black stem and leaf spot	Yellow leaf blotch	Sclerotinia stem and root rot	Harvest restriction
QoIs	11	Picoxystrobin 22.5%	Approach 2.08 SC	6.0 - 12.0	NL	P	U ¹	U	U	NL	NL	NL	14 days
		Pyraclostrobin 23.6%	Headline 2.09 EC/SC	6.0 - 12.0	U	P	P	U	U	U	U	NL	14 days
		Azoxystrobin 22.9%	Quadris 2.08 SC, multiple generics	6.0 - 15.5	U	P	P	U	U	U	U	U	14 days
SDHIs	7	Boscalid 70%	Endura 0.7 DF	3.5 - 11.0	NL	U	U	U	NL	NL	NL	U	14 days
		Penthiopyrad 20.4%	Fontelis 1.67 SC	12.0 - 24.0	NL	NL	NL	NL	U	NL	NL	U	14 days
Mixed modes of action	11	Fluxapyroxad 14.3%	Priaxor 4.17 SC	4.0 - 6.9	U	G	F - G	U	U	U	U	NL	14 days
	7	Pyraclostrobin 28.6%											
	11	Pyraclostrobin 12.8%	Pristine 0.38 WG	12.0 - 18.0oz/A	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	14 days
	7	Boscalid 25.2%											
	11	Pyraclostrobin 17.56%	Veltyrna 3.34 SC	7.0 - 10.0	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	NL	14 days
	3	Mefentrifluconazole 17.56%											

¹Labeled for disease suppression only.

