

# Range Drought Recovery

## What to do if it rains

- Weed Control
- Reseeding
- Fertilization
- Water Quality



# Weeds

- Less than 1500 lbs. of RDM
  - Guidelines for RDM YouTube Video
- Bare ground + Seed bank
- Maybe Poisonous Plants



# Control Methods

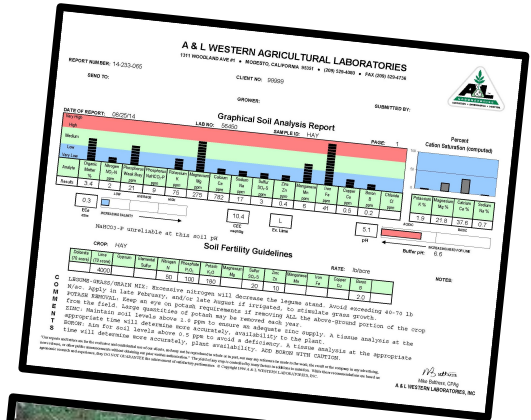
Only two real methods for fall

- Mechanical
  - Mow, Disk, Reseed
- Herbicidal
  - Mostly Broadleaf Control
  - 2,4-D, Milestone, Glyphosate
  - Reseed
  - <http://sfrec.ucanr.edu/files/17>



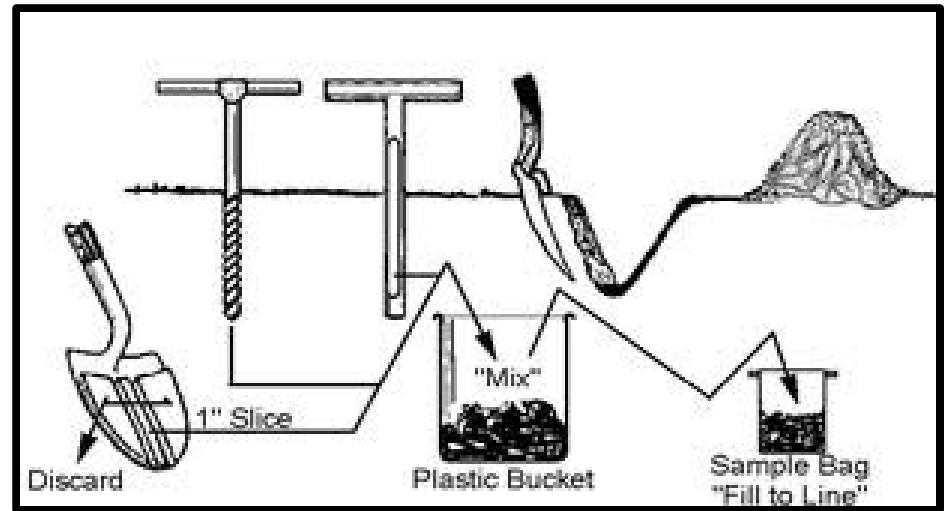
# Reseeding

- Soil test & Fertilize If Needed
- Disking
- Broadcast vs. Drilled
- Seed Selection & Rates
  - Annuals vs. Perennials + Legumes
  - 20 to 25 lbs/a, 50:50 mix
- Timing
  - Oct 15 to Nov 15 up to Dec 15



# Soil Sampling

- 20 to 40 Random Samples
- Composite Sample
- Paper Bag  $\frac{2}{3}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  full
- Site ID & Contact Info
- Range or Pasture?



# Phosphorus (P) Soil test level

----- ppm -----

# Amount of phosphate (P2O5) to apply

0 to 10

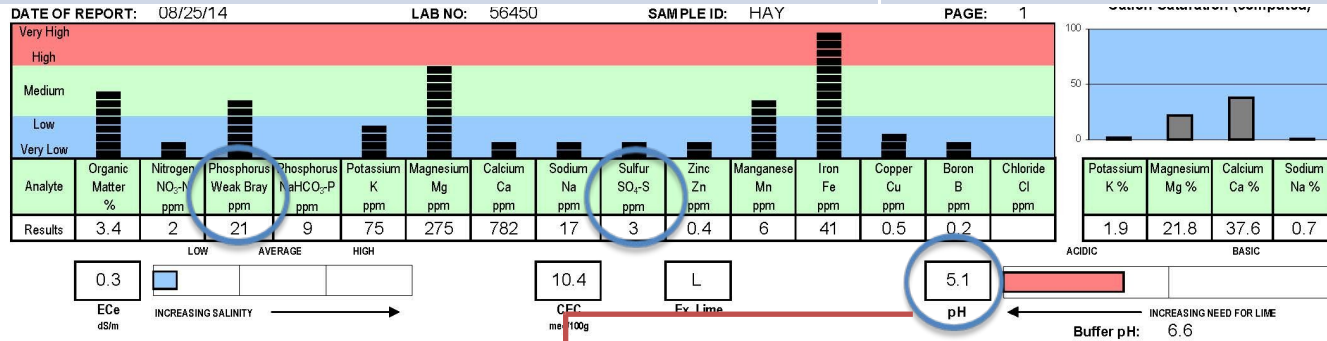
220 lbs/a

11 to 25

88 lbs/a

Over 25

44 lbs/a



NaHCO<sub>3</sub>-P unreliable at this soil pH

## Soil Fertility Guidelines

CROP: HAY      RATE: lb/acre

Delomil (70 score)	Lime (70 score)	Gypsum	Elemental Sulfur	Nitrogen N	Phosphate P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Potash K <sub>2</sub> O	Magnesium Mg	Sulfur SO <sub>4</sub> -S	Zinc Zn	Manganese Mn	Iron Fe	Copper Cu	Boron B
	4000			50	100	180		20	10				2.0

- C** LEGUME-GRASS/GRAIN MIX: Excessive nitrogen will decrease the legume stand. Avoid exceeding 40-70 lb N/ac. Apply in late February, and/or late August if irrigated, to stimulate grass growth.
- M** POTASH REMOVAL: Keep an eye on potash requirements if removing ALL the above-ground portion of the crop from the field. Large quantities of potash may be removed each year.
- Z** ZINC: Maintain soil levels above 1.0 ppm to ensure an adequate zinc supply. A tissue analysis at the appropriate time will determine more accurately, availability to the plant.
- B** BORON: Aim for soil levels above 0.5 ppm to avoid a deficiency. A tissue analysis at the appropriate time will determine more accurately, plant availability. ADD BORON WITH CAUTION.

*NA*

# Sulfur (SO4-S) Soil test level

0 to 7.5

# Amount of Sulfur (SO4-S) to apply

10 to 20 lbs/a



# Multiple Sample Lab Results

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### SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT

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SAMPLE ID	LAB NUMBER	Organic Matter		Phosphorus		Potassium	Magnesium	Calcium	Sodium	pH		Hydrogen	Cation Exchange Capacity	PERCENT CATION SATURATION (COMPUTED)				
		*	**	P1 (Weak Bray)	NaHCO <sub>3</sub> -P (Olsen Method)	K	Mg	Ca	Na	Soil pH	Buffer Index	H	C.E.C. meq/100g	K %	Mg %	Ca %	H %	Na %
		% Rating	ENR lbs/A	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	meq/100g	meq/100g	meq/100g					
86-01	52718	7.6VH	182	26H	14L	125L	1318VH	1210VL	64L	6.3	6.7	2.0	19.5	1.6	55.5	30.9	10.5	1.4
86-02	52719	7.8VH	187	28H	14**	103L	1300VH	1003VL	26VL	6.0	6.7	2.8	18.9	1.4	56.5	26.5	15.0	0.6
86-03	52720	5.0H	130	28H	13**	125M	720VH	750VL	13VL	5.9	6.7	2.1	12.1	2.7	48.9	30.9	17.0	0.5
86-04	52721	5.2H	134	20M	27**	138M	860VH	807VL	12VL	5.8	6.7	2.7	14.2	2.5	49.8	28.4	19.0	0.4
86-05	52722	3.9H	108	65VH	22**	199H	486VH	667VL	30L	5.7	6.7	2.1	10.1	5.0	39.7	33.0	21.0	1.3

\*\* NaHCO<sub>3</sub>-P unreliable at this soil pH

SAMPLE NUMBER	Nitrogen NO <sub>3</sub> -N ppm	Sulfur SO <sub>4</sub> -S ppm	Zinc Zn ppm	Manganese Mn ppm	Iron Fe ppm	Copper Cu ppm	Boron B ppm	Excess Lime Rating	Soluble Salts mmhos/cm	Chloride Cl ppm	PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS			
											SAND %	SILT %	CLAY %	SOIL TEXTURE
86-01	8L	8L	2.3M	15H	30VH	1.8H	0.7M	L	0.4L					
86-02	13M	6L	2.3M	22H	48VH	2.0H	0.6M	L	0.3L					
86-03	2VL	4L	2.7M	25H	65VH	2.3H	0.4L	L	0.3L					
86-04	2VL	5L	1.3M	34VH	64VH	2.4H	0.4L	L	0.3L					
86-05	5L	26H	3.6H	25H	88VH	2.2H	0.3VL	L	0.2VL					

\* CODE TO RATING: VERY LOW (VL), LOW (L), MEDIUM (M), HIGH (H), AND VERY HIGH (VH).  
 \*\* ENR - ESTIMATED NITROGEN RELEASE.  
 \*\*\* MULTIPLY THE RESULTS IN ppm BY 2 TO CONVERT TO LBS. PER ACRE OF THE ELEMENTAL FORM  
 \*\*\*\* MULTIPLY THE RESULTS IN ppm BY 4.6 TO CONVERT TO LBS. PER ACRE P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  
 \*\*\*\*\* MULTIPLY THE RESULTS IN ppm BY 2.4 TO CONVERT TO LBS. PER ACRE K<sub>2</sub>O  
 MOST SOILS WEIGH TWO (2) MILLION POUNDS (DRY WEIGHT) FOR AN ACRE OF SOIL 6-23 INCHES DEEP

This report applies only to the sample(s) tested. Samples are retained a maximum of thirty days after testing.

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### SOIL FERTILITY GUIDELINES

RATE: lb/acre

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Sample ID	Lab Number	Crop	SOIL AMENDMENTS				Nitrogen N	Phosphate P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Potash K <sub>2</sub> O	Magnesium Mg	Sulfur SO <sub>2</sub> -S	Zinc Zn	Manganese Mn	Iron Fe	Copper Cu	Boron B
			Dolomite	Lime	Gypsum	Elemental Sulfur										
86-01	52718	HAY		3000			30	70	180		20					
86-02	52719	HAY		3000			10	70	180		20					
86-03	52720	HAY		3000			40	70	150		20					0.5
86-04	52721	HAY		3000			40	100	150		20					0.5
86-05	52722	HAY		3000			40		90		10					1.0

**H**IGH levels of organic matter should have a beneficial effect on growth and "soil" pH may not be as critical. However, watch carefully as amendments and extra nitrogen may still be necessary.

**O** WHERE both soil pH and phosphorus are low, consider mixing equal amounts of superphosphate and lime and "cure" for a week. Then drill the mixture in contact with the seed.

**M** LEGUME-GRASS/GRAIN MIX: Excessive nitrogen will decrease the legume stand. Avoid exceeding 40-70 lb N/ac. Apply in late February, and/or late August if irrigated, to stimulate grass growth.

**N** HAY PRODUCTION may require about 50 lb nitrogen per ton of hay produced if under grain/grass; less if a mixed stand containing legumes.

**S** BORON: Aim for soil levels above 0.5 ppm to avoid a deficiency. A tissue analysis at the appropriate time will determine more accurately, plant availability. ADD BORON WITH CAUTION.

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# Formulas: How much to apply?

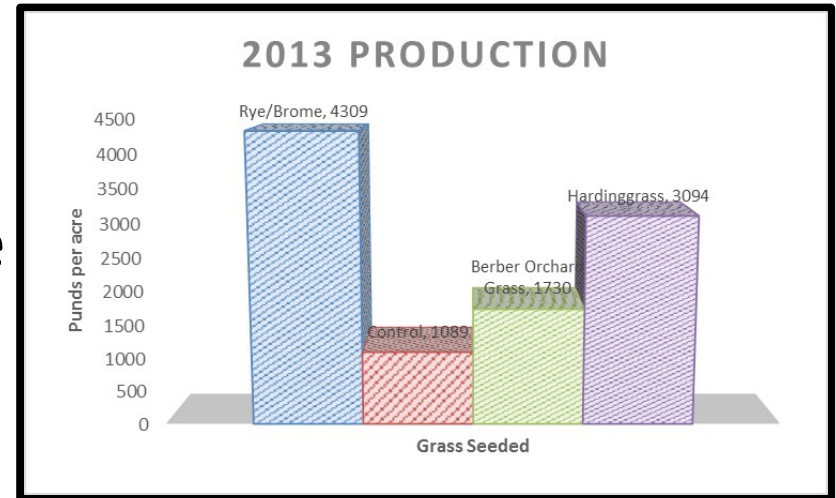
- What the formula means
  - 16-48-0-20, 11-52-0, 0-45-0
  - % Nitrogen, %Phosphorous as P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, %Potassium and %Sulfur
- Nutrient need in pounds / (% nutrient in analysis/100)= pounds of material
- *Example:* How many pounds of 11-52-0 are needed for 50 pounds of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> recommendation?
  - $50 / 0.52 = 96$  pounds of 11-52-0

# Fertilizer Benefits

- Increased yield up to 60%
- Impact lasts up to 4 years
- ↓ summer annual weeds (Mh & GG)
- ↑ palatability, ↑ protein, phosphorous
- With N, legumes ↓ first year
  - Legumes increase there after
- Pick the easy sites!

# Seed Choices

- Dryland Range
- Annuals
  - Ryegrass, Fescue, Brome
  - Subterranean Clovers
- Promising Perennials
  - Luna wheatgrass, *Flecha fescue*, Anderson blue wildrye, and Hardinggrass Advanced AT
  - Should be planted with a clover
  - Defer grazing for 2 years



# Water Quality

- Do a sediment inventory
- Roads account for more than 80% of sediment on North Coast
- Check the culverts!



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# Other Weeds

