

# Kansas Insect Newsletter

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## Alfalfa Update

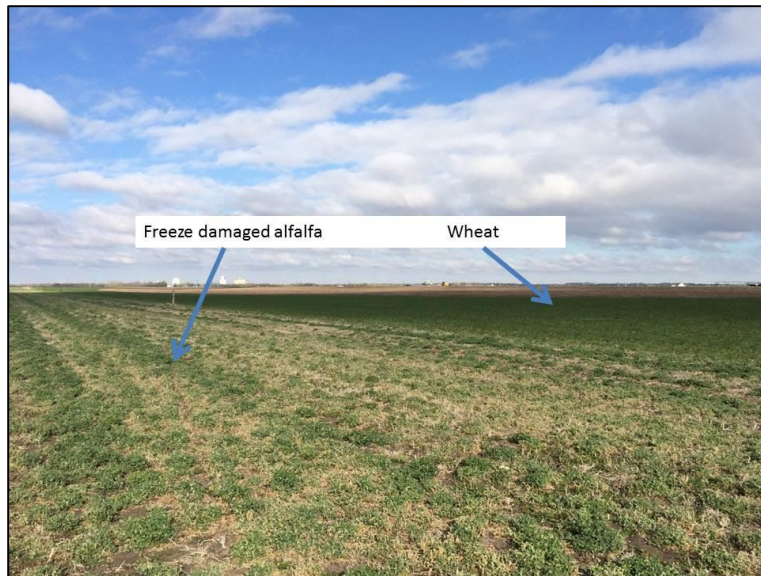
Once again we are in the midst of a typical Kansas spring with warm, bordering on hot, windy conditions interspersed with cold, windy conditions. However, rainfall (or moisture in any form) has been pretty much lacking throughout south central and north central KS. Again, as in most KS springs, the weather has variable effects on alfalfa and therefore, the alfalfa weevil. Some fields are still showing effects of recent freezing temperatures. Most of the yellowing/silver coloring in these fields is due to the weather.



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Fields that were sprayed before last week's freeze still have live larvae but they are yellowish and moribund compared to larvae from fields not yet treated.

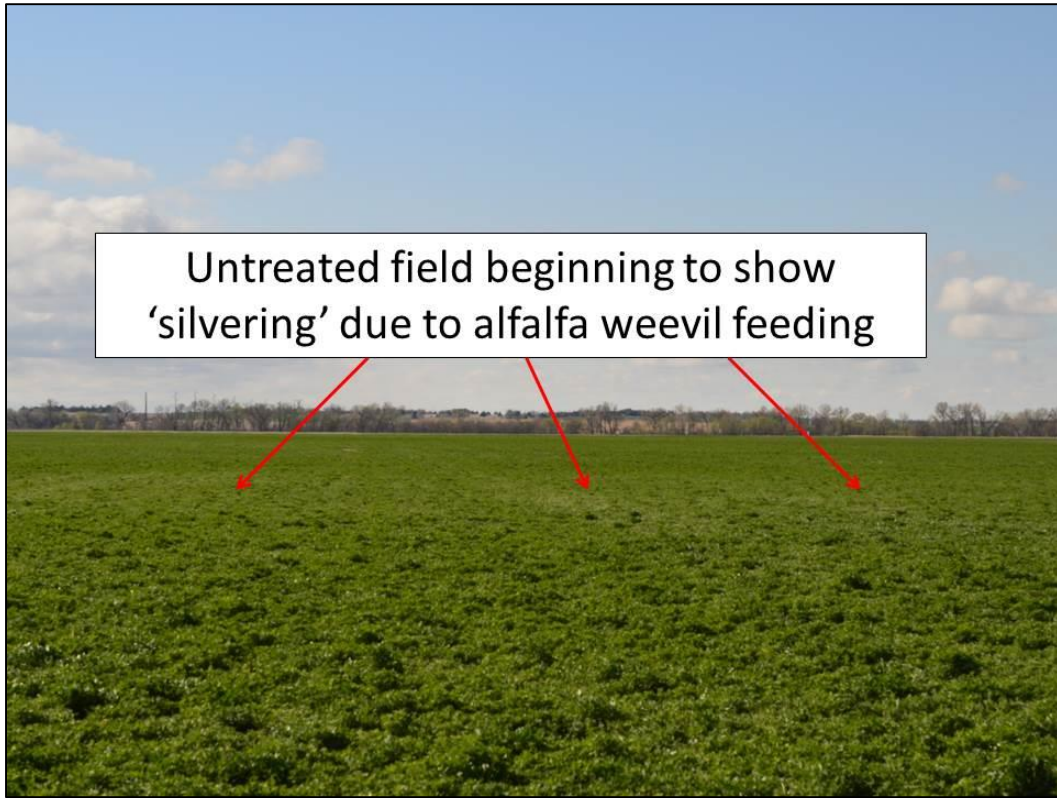


However, fields not yet treated should be closely monitored as weevil feeding has been significantly slowed by the cold weather and has just started to become noticeable.

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This feeding will only intensify for about the next 7-10 days at temperatures ranging between 45-75°F.

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## Wheat Aphids

We checked several wheat fields in north central Kansas this past week. Once again, very few pests of any kind were detected. As last week, there are a few aphids present, but not in any significant numbers. With continued strong south winds, aphids will continue to migrate into the state.

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Greenbug



Early instar Bird cherry-oat aphid nymph

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## Insect Diagnostic Laboratory Report

<http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/diagnostician/recent-samples.html>

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