



August 2022- Ag Updates

MANITOWOC COUNTY FORAGE COUNCIL

ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR CORN SILAGE

REPORT DATE : September 1, 2022

LOCATION	Triple F Dairy - Reedsville
HYBRID	PIONEER 9789 AMXT
REL. MAT.	97
APROX. PLANT DATE	19-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	GOOD - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	FEW DENTS
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	17-Sep
COMMENTS	

LOCATION	Divided Acres - Hwy 151 Valders
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND 3899 BMR
REL. MAT.	99
APROX. PLANT DATE	18-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	FAIR - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	FEW DENTS
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	15-Sep
COMMENTS	

LOCATION	Greendale Dairy - south of St. Nazianz
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND 5211 BMR
REL. MAT.	112
APROX. PLANT DATE	9-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	GOOD - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	MOST KERNELS HAVE DENTS
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	15-Sep
COMMENTS	

LOCATION	Twin Elm Farm - West of Manitowoc
HYBRID	JUNG 51DD500
REL. MAT.	101
APROX. PLANT DATE	17-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	GOOD - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	LATE DOUGH
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	18-Sep
COMMENTS	

LOCATION	Grotegut Dairy - Newton
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND HIDF 3522Q
REL. MAT.	95
APROX. PLANT DATE	23-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	GOOD - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	FEW DENTS
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	17-Sep
COMMENTS	

LOCATION	Soaring Eagle Dairy - south of Newton
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND 4311 AMXT BMR
REL. MAT.	103
APROX. PLANT DATE	15-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	GOOD - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	FEW DENTS
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	17-Sep
COMMENTS	

IMPORTANT



It is the time of the year to think about planting cover crops.

Planting cover crops after corn silage for spring forage harvest: Opportunities and challenges as told by dairy farmers and their consultants in Wisconsin.

Need more info? Check out the recent bumper crop video on Cover Crops after Corn Silage [here!](#)

Proper footbath management has long-term environmental implications

Adaptation is commonplace on the farm. The weather changes, we adapt by changing our attire and adjusting. Sooner or later a new season will arrive, and we'll need to adapt again. In some cases, adaptation becomes a permanent change. One change farmers have implemented on their operations is managing digital dermatitis (DD), or hairy heel warts.



Footbaths are an important tool utilized to prevent animal lameness, limit the spread of digital dermatitis, and maintain hoof health on dairy farms. Alicia Gjurstrom UW Extension Kauaiee Co.

Thirty years ago, DD was uncommon on US dairies. But as farms grew bigger and smaller herds combined to form larger herds, DD began to spread rapidly around the country. Adapting to DD became a permanent management change.

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IN THE NEWS

Hay Market Report

All hay prices quoted are dollars per ton FOB point of origin for alfalfa hay unless otherwise noted. The information presented in this report is compiled from public and private quality tested sales and reports in the Midwest.

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Dairy Situation and Outlook

Milk prices are moving lower. The Class III price peaked in May at \$25.21, fell to \$22.52 by July and August will be around \$20. The Class IV price peaked in June at \$25.83, declined to \$25.79 in July and August will be around \$24.70. Slightly higher milk production and inflation and a slowing economy dampening domestic demand are factors for the decline. Milk production which was 0.9% below a year ago January through May was just 0.1% lower in June with a 0.2% increase in July. Inflation and a slower economy have reduced restaurant traffic softening cheese and butter sales.

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Corn Silage Pricing App

UW-Madison Extension has developed a Smartphone app to provide a simple way to help estimate the market value of corn silage. The app includes links to current corn and hay market prices and allows buyers and sellers to enter their own yield estimates and harvest costs. The difference in values of soil nutrients removed when harvesting silage versus corn for grain is also calculated helping sellers fine-tune their standing value per acre.



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SilageSnap App

Excellent cracked corn can boost milk production by up to two pounds (about a quart) per cow per day.

If 70 percent of the cracked corn fits through a hole the width of a standard drinking straw, then the corn receives an excellent score—fit for a dairy's feast. Unfortunately for many farmers, the lab results yield merely adequate, or even poor, scores, meaning they must feed their cows much more grain every day to meet nutritional requirements.

The UW Madison Extension developed app "SilageSnap" is a convenient and accurate in-the-field alternative to after-the-fact processing scores. To use the app, farmers merely spread out a small sample of corn, set down a coin to calculate for pixel size and snap a photo with their phones. Image-processing algorithms then calibrate kernel-processing scores right there in the field, instead of weeks after the harvest at an external lab.

Based on kernel processing scores and summary statistics from the app farmers can fine-tune their machinery on the spot — rather than develop contingency plans after the harvest is well over. Initial results suggest that the scores returned from the app align very closely with official results from commercial corn silage processing score evaluations.

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