



September 2022- Ag Updates

MANITOWOC COUNTY FORAGE COUNCIL ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR CORN SILAGE

REPORT DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

REPORTED BY STEVE HOFFMAN - INDEPTH AGRONOMY

LOCATION	Triple F Dairy - Reedsville
HYBRID	PIONEER 9789 AMXT
REL. MAT.	97
APROX. PLANT DATE	19-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	EXCELLENT-FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	CHOPPED ON SEPT 19 @ 65% MOISTURE
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	20-Sep
COMMENTS	

LOCATION	Greendale Dairy - s south of St. Nazianz
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND 5211 BMR
REL. MAT.	112
APROX. PLANT DATE	9-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	FAIR - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	CHOPPED ON SEPT 15 @ 69% MOISTURE
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	15-Sep
COMMENTS	MODERATE MOISTURE STRESS

LOCATION	Divided Acres - Hwy 151 Valders
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND 3898 BMR
REL. MAT.	99
APROX. PLANT DATE	18-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	FAIR - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	CHOPPED ON SEPT 16 @ 67.5% MOISTURE
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	16-Sep
COMMENTS	Previous droughts trees took a toll

LOCATION	Soaring Eagle Dairy - s south of Newton
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND 4311 AMXT BMR
REL. MAT.	103
APROX. PLANT DATE	15-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	FAIR - HAD FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	CHOPPED ON SEPT 16 @ 66% MOISTURE
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	15-Sep
COMMENTS	MODERATE MOISTURE STRESS

LOCATION	Grotgout Dairy - Newton
HYBRID	DAIRYLAND H1DF 3522Q
REL. MAT.	95
APROX. PLANT DATE	23-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	EXCELLENT-FUNGICIDE AFTER POLLINATION
STAGE OF MATURITY	CHOPPED ON SEPT 21 @ 68% MOISTURE
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	20-Sep
COMMENTS	

REPORTED BY DAN HABERMANN - COUNTRY VISIONS CO-OP

LOCATION	Hochkammer Dairy
HYBRID	DS3522Q
REL. MAT.	95
APROX. PLANT DATE	25-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Good
STAGE OF MATURITY	Full Dent early milk line
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	26-Sep
COMMENTS	corn is very green

LOCATION	Hickory Grove Dairy
HYBRID	DS3802Q
REL. MAT.	102
APROX. PLANT DATE	14-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Good
STAGE OF MATURITY	
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	chopped
COMMENTS	69% average

REPORTED BY JEFF ZUTZ - ZUTZ CROP CONSULTING

LOCATION	Johnson Hill Farm
HYBRID	Crop Plan 4100
REL. MAT.	101
APROX. PLANT DATE	15-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Good
STAGE OF MATURITY	
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	Chopped
COMMENTS	69-70%

Thank you to all who participated in the 2022 Corn Silage Reports!
This will be the last monitoring report for the season. Wishing everyone a safe harvest.

IMPORTANT

Between the Lakes Demonstration Farm Network
in Partnership with
BETWEEN THE LAKES
Fond du Lac County

BRINGING POLLINATORS INTO CASH CROPS

OCTOBER 5
10 AM - 2 PM

ON-FARM PRAIRIE PLANTINGS
Why plant them and how to know if they're a success.

INTERSEEDING INTO SOYBEANS
An in-field experiment and what was learned.

MEASURE SOIL HEALTH
Do-it-Yourself in-field soil health assessments for your farm.

**Note: There are beehives at this field day. Use caution if you have allergies.

- 9-40 Registration
- 10-00 Welcome
- 10-10 - 10:25 - My Experiment With Inter-Seeding a Cover Crop Species Into Soybeans. Dale Theel
- 10:25-10:30 - Group Walk to the Prairie Strip
- 10:30-10:40 - Why Did I Plant a Prairie Strip on My Farm and How Was it Established? - Dale Theel
- 10:40-11:00 - How Do You Know if Your Prairie Planting is a Success?
- 11:00 - 11:30 - What You Need to Know to Successfully Establish a Prairie Strip/Pollinator Planting
- 11:30-12:00 - Measuring Soil Health on Your Farm - Do-it-Yourself In-Field Soil Health Assessments

Please Register
By September 28

Registration is free, but greatly appreciated as it helps us order enough food.

Online (Preferred)
<https://greendalefarmsfieldday.eventbrite.com>

OR
Call Maranda Miller
608-590-5758

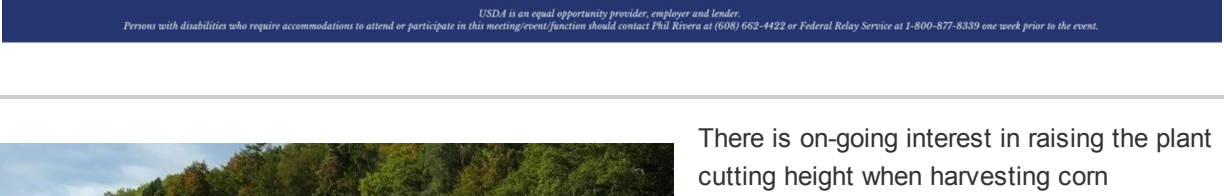


Farm Address:
W3102 W7-53 Trunk, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Driving Directions Available at: <https://go.wisc.edu/greendalefarms-22>

- 12:00 -12:45 - Lunch -Tables will be provided for standing while eating. Bring your own chair if you'd like.
- 12:45 - 1:05 - Update on Cover Interseeding Research
- 1:05 - 1:30 - Inspection of UOW Crop Inter-Seeding Plots in 30" and 60" Twin Rows. By Dale Theel and Zach Laughlin. Dale will have his interplant drill and seed spinner on site for discussion
- Optional field inspections on your own. Field locations and topics to be announced at event.

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There is on-going interest in raising the plant cutting height when harvesting corn silage. Raising the cutting height will improve the NDFD of silage and will lower whole plant moistures by 2 -3% points.

While milk/ton increases with higher cutting heights there is a slight reduction in DM yields per acre. The link below provides a fact sheet from Penn State with more detail.

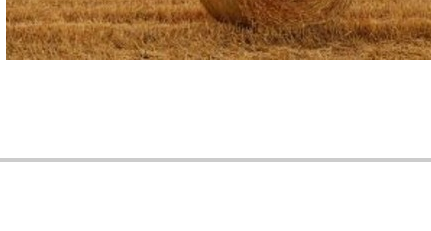
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IN THE NEWS

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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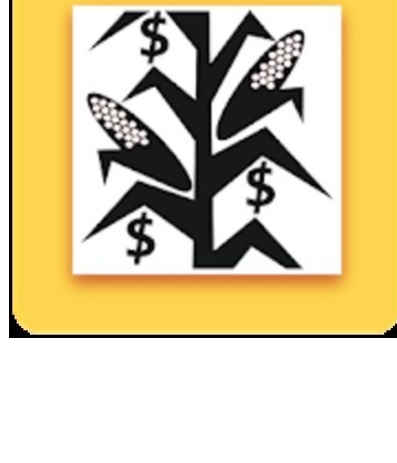
Dairy Situation and Outlook

Milk production after running below year ago levels from January through June was 0.5% above a year ago in July and 1.6% in August. Fourteen of the 24 reporting states had higher August milk production than a year ago. The increase in milk production was due to more milk cows and improved milk per cow. Milk production numbers had increased from 9.367 million head in January to 9.419 million in May but fell to 9.415 million in June only to increase back to 9.419 million in July and to 9.427 million in August. August cow numbers were still 11,000 or 0.1% below a year ago. August milk per cow was a strong 1.7% above a year ago.

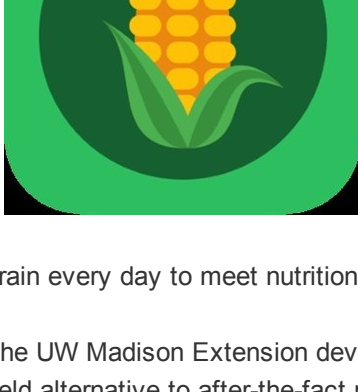
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Corn Silage Pricing App

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 cow'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 calibrate for kernel size and snap a photo with their phone. Image-processing algorithms then calculate 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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