

MANITOWOC COUNTY FORAGE COUNCIL

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REPORT DATE: September 8, 2026

Attention Custom Operators, Crop Managers & Farmers

Quick note from the Forage Council: Chopping has already started. Please watch the monitoring report and consult with your agronomist. Please attend the dry-down tomorrow to see where your corn is. Thank you to all participating agronomists for assisting in this monitoring project.

REPORTED BY STEVE HOFFMAN - INDEPTH AGRONOMY

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	LOCATION 1	LOCATION 2
LOCATION	Triple F Dairy - Reedsville	Divided Acres - Hwy 151 Valders
HYBRID	Dairyland HiDf 4540	Dairyland DB 4022Q BMR
REL. MAT.	105 day	100 day
APROX. PLANT DATE	10-May	9-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Some plants shut down early but good overall	
STAGE OF MATURITY	Milk Line 50% down	
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	Chopping today at 69% moisture	Chopped on 9-7 at 68% moisture
COMMENTS	Rain rehydrated plants and helped grain fill	Shut down a bit early due to drought
	LOCATION 3	LOCATION 4
LOCATION	Grotegut Dairy Farm - Newton	Soaring Eagle Dairy - Osman
HYBRID	Dairyland DS 4545Q	Dairyland DB 4522Q BMR
REL. MAT.	105 day	105 day
APROX. PLANT DATE	9-May	7-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Very Good	Some plants shut down early but good overall
STAGE OF MATURITY	Milk Line 33% down	Milk Line 40% down
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	14-Sep	10-Sep
COMMENTS	Rain rehydrated plants and helped grain fill	Rain rehydrated plants and helped grain fill
	LOCATION 5	LOCATION 6
LOCATION	Twin Elm Farm - Hwy 151 Manitowoc	O,Hearn's Irish Dairy - Maple Grove
HYBRID	Channel 196-99STXRIB	Brevant B94B44Q BMR
REL. MAT.	96 day	94 day
APROX. PLANT DATE	9-May	10-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Very Good	
STAGE OF MATURITY	Milk Line 50% down	
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	9-Sep	Chopped Sept 2 and 3 at 65.4% moisture
COMMENTS	Rain rehydrated plants and helped grain fill	Shut down early due to drought

<i>REPORTED BY COLTEN LECHER - INDEPTH AGRONOMY</i>		
	LOCATION 1	LOCATION 2
LOCATION	Dan Meyer Farm - Kiel	Robinway Dairy - St Nazianz
HYBRID	Masters Choice MCT 5160 PCE RA	Dairyland DB 50005Q / HiDF 5000 split
REL. MAT.	101	110 day
APROX. PLANT DATE	May 10th	6-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Good	Good
STAGE OF MATURITY	Milk Line 75% down	Milk Line 33% down
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	6-Sep	13-Sep
COMMENTS	Likely drier than 68% moisture today	BMR - Fungicide applied - Irrigated field

<i>REPORTED BY TED HOFFMAN - INDEPTH AGRONOMY</i>		
	LOCATION 1	LOCATION 2
LOCATION	Milkinaire Dairy - Two Rivers	Strutz Farm - Two Creeks
HYBRID	DS-4073Q	B99B22Q
REL. MAT.	100	99
APROX. PLANT DATE	15-May	26-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	Good foliar health.	BMR - Fungicide applied. Good foliar health
STAGE OF MATURITY	Milk line down 20%	Mostly dented
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	13-Sep	18-Sep
COMMENTS	Drought stress has subsided, the corn seems to be drying at a slightly slower pace than last week.	This field has added significant kernel depth over the last week and is progressing in kernel development slower with ample soil moisture available.

<i>REPORTED BY DAN HABERMANN - COUNTRY VISIONS CO-OP</i>		
	LOCATION 1	LOCATION 2
LOCATION	Hochkammer Dairy-Newton	Hickory Grove Dairy-North of Maribel
HYBRID	DS4321	DS4073
REL. MAT.	103	100
APROX. PLANT DATE	15-May	13-May
PLANT HEALTH RATING	good	
STAGE OF MATURITY	Early Milkline	
ESTIMATED HARVEST DATE FOR 68% MOISTURE	14-Sep	chopped
COMMENTS		