

Corn Silage Harvest Considerations Podcast Series

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One can argue that IOFC (income over feed cost) begins when forage is delivered to the feed center-in this case the bunk. This podcast series delves into the practical considerations for corn silage harvest. We start with a recap of the growing season in the first episode. In subsequent episodes we focus on the key practices for harvest, storage and preservation.

Episode 1-Corn Silage 2020 Season Recap.

Ron Kuck, Dairy Educator, CCE of Cayuga County and Joe Lawrence, Forage Management Specialist, Cornell PRODAIRY kick off this podcast series by discussing the 2020 growing season. They discuss the impact weather has had on the growing season and what to consider when assessing fields, staging harvest, whole plant DM in decision making, storage planning and what to do if you're short of space.

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For more information: Episode 2 Timing and Processing

Casey Havekes CCE Regional Dairy Specialist with the NNY Team, interviews Margaret Quaassdorff, Regional Dairy Specialist, NWNYS Team, CCE, and Joe Lawrence, Forage Management Specialist, Cornell PRODAIRY. Margaret and Joe discuss the importance of timing and whole plant dry matter, theoretical length of cut, and kernel processing.

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Episode 3 Monitoring and Preserving Quality

Betsy Hicks, Regional Dairy Specialist SCNY Dairy Team, CCE. John Winchell, Territory Sales Representative, Alltech. Betsy and John discuss why and how to take corn silage samples at harvest and feed out, mycotoxin considerations, best practices for inoculant use and maximizing the fermentation process.

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Episode 4 -Filling and Packing.

Devon Shelmidine, Sheland Farms, Jefferson County, NY, Ron Kuck, Dairy Educator, CCE of Cayuga County and Joe Lawrence, Forage Management Specialist, Cornell PRODAIRY. Our presenters discuss the nitty gritty of getting corn silage into the bunk, packed and covered to maximize forage quality.

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