CORN TALK ...

Nick Ferrant Jr., (right) Agway's Technical Crops Specialist, has just told this farmer to harvest TDN and not water!

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Nick says - "Would you throw away 25% of the feeding value of an acre of corn silage? No? Well, that's exactly what you are doing when you harvest your silage corn in the milk or soft dough stage. Corn silage will give us more TDN per acre than any other crop, yet many farmers lose this advantage by harvesting only 75% of the potential TDN.

Keep out of that field until the ears are in the dent stage.

If you have more acres planted than you can harvest in the dent stage, it shows that you didn't plan well at planting time. Next year put in 60% of your acreage in your favorite variety, 20% in an earlier, and 20% in a later one. This should allow most of it to be harvested at the correct stage. Our cows need lots of water, but it's cheaper and easier to supply it in the pipeline than in the silage."

