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Test Forages - Before It's Too Late

· Every summer I seem to get on a torage testing binge, and to many of you it may be the same old story. Nevertheless, this is an important thing for every dairy producer to consider, and now is a good time to be making plans for doing it.

It is always nice to have a feed program in your hands that's ready to use when you switch torages to start on your winter teeding program.

Silo tilling time is rapidly approaching. For some tarmers, it has already begun. To get a head start on planning your feeding program, sample some of the last silage you put into your silos—as

you are filling it. This is the first silage you'll be feeding and it it was put in at about the right moisture—about 65 percent—it won't change much from termentation.

At least, the test results will probably be much closer than your guesses, which you have to rely on if you don't test. Sample several loads, and put these samples in tight plastic bags to preserve their moisture When the filling is completed, mix the samples and immediately submit one sample for analysis

Be sure to request a feeding program also. Your teeding program may have to be based on the kinds and amounts of torages

you anticipate feeding when you start on the new silage. Of course, this means you should also have your hay crop forages analyzed. This should be done now, even before the silo is filled.

Hay Sampling

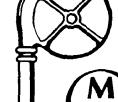
Before sampling hay, be sure it has dried down to where it would be when fed-about 10 percent moisture. To accomplish this, you can throw a few bales from your recent harvest onto the barn floor and cut the twine to encourage more rapid drying.

Don't pull the bales apart because you want to save the leaves for accurate sampling. And. the only way to get an accurate hay sample is to use a hay sampling auger.

In order to get this first early teed program, it may mean you won't be able to sample hays that have been cut after the beginning of August. They may not be dry enough for accurate sampling and you won't have time to wait for them to dry down. You could sample them and feed them at a later date.

It you are teeding a little of your cuttings to your herd at the same time, you'll want to sample them proportionately. For example, if you teed 4 bales of attermath cuttings (second, third and fourth cuttings) and 2 bales of tirst cutting hay each day, then you'll want to sample them in that proportion and submit just one sample for analysis. But, it you will be

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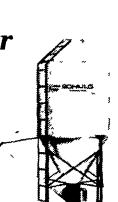
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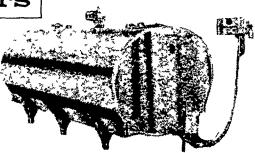
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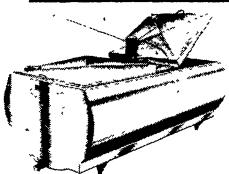
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