## FULL TIME FORAGE

THE LIGHT

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Last year Ervin Hostetler, Belleville, PA fed FULL-TIME™ Forage and was pleased with the 9.5 lb. increase in milk production he received. He compared FullTime™ Forage to 7301FQ as part of Cargill's on farm feed trials. This year he is even more convinced FullTime™ Forage is the wave of the future for dairymen.

Currently, Ervin is getting 86.5 lbs. of milk and making \$9.00 income over feed costs/cow/day. His ration on an as fee basis consists of:

75 lbs.

FullTime™ Forage

20 lbs.

Balage

12 lbs.

High Moisture Corn

8.5 lbs. 1.25 lbs. Protein Minerals

1.25 lbs. Minerals
.3 lbs. ByPass Fat

But there is a lot more to his story. On November 17, 1997 his cows were milking 57 lbs. He was out of corn silage and was getting ready to move to his new barn and milking parlor on a different farm. After the move, the cows dropped to 49 lbs. The cows were started out at 50 lbs. FullTime<sup>TM</sup> Forage and gradually moved to 75 lbs. FullTime<sup>TM</sup> Forage. On December 24, the cows were producing 72 lbs/cow/day. On December 26 Ervin started milking 3 times a day. One week later, they were at 86.5 lbs./day.

Will Ervin be planting more FullTime™ Forage in 1998? ABSOLUTELY!

He and his Young's nutritionist, Dave Martin are doing their own research project. How much forage can these cows eat utilizing FullTime™ Forage in the ration and what effect will this have on feed cost savings, milk production and income over feed costs?

Ervin already sees FULLTIME™ as the light at the end of the tunnel for dairymen, but could it even get better?

## **FEED TRIAL UPDATE**

The research project on Ervin's herd has concluded and the results are exciting! Twenty-six cows that were 250 days in milk were fed 108 lbs. of FULLTIME™ Forage and no high moisture corn. That group increased 2.1 lbs. of milk and income over feed costs was \$8.39.

However, group 2 was the real winner. At 215 days in milk they increased 10.9 lbs. and are producing 99.5 lbs. Income over feed costs is \$10.24. These cows were kept on the original ration. The whole herd averaged 89.9 lbs/milk at \$9.42 income over feed costs.

So what does Ervin plan on doing next year? He is going to plant enough FULLTIME™ Forage to feed his cows 90 lbs. of FULLTIME™ Forage all year.

FULLTIME™ Forage is the light at the end of the tunnel for dairymen! Don't wait any longer Plant FULLTIME™ Forage this spring and reap the benefits all next year!

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