

AgriCulver Seeds Releases Production Bulletin

TRUMANSBURG, N.Y. — Traditionally, Northeast dairy farmers have grown corn and alfalfa hay as their staple feeds. However, many acres in the Northeast are not well suited for profitable production of these crops.

Recent studies by AgriCulver Seeds, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and others has shown that BMR sorghum-sudan grown in combination with winter triticale can provide dairy producers with an alternative cropping system for superior production on marginal soils.

This combination has the ability to significantly increase the quantity and quality of forage for dairy operations and satisfy government requirements for nutrient management and ero-

sion control on highly erodible land (HEL).

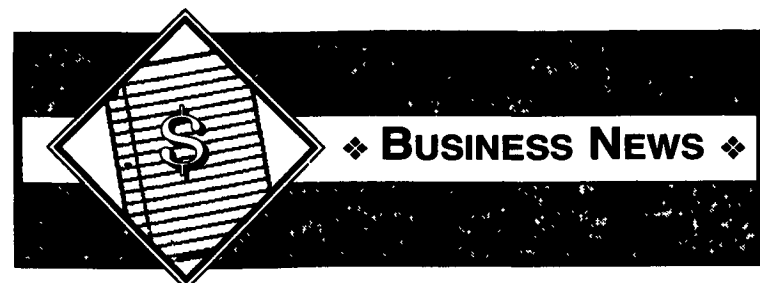
When the two crops are grown sequentially, the ground has a crop growing on it 11 or more months of the year. Additionally, in university research, both crops have shown their superior ability to uptake phosphorus and nitrogen from the soil and convert it into quality forage.

When compared to the New York State average of 15 ton corn silage, Bovine Bounty™ and TriCal® 336, grown in sequence, can out produce average and below average corn silage by as much as 7,000 pounds of milk per acre (using Wisconsin's Milk 2000 equations). Both BMR sorghum-sudan and triticale have the ability to produce high yields on ground that is mar-

ginal for corn or alfalfa production.

When incorporated into dairy rations, the nutritional quality of these crops provides increased animal health, milk production, and profitability. In fact, Dairy Banquet® Bovine Bounty BMR sorghum-sudan has demonstrated the ability to reduce the total ration cost by \$0.07-\$0.10 per cow per day at the same percent of forage in the diet as corn silage.

TriCal® 336 winter triticale, with its high protein and fiber digestibility also adds to feed savings by reducing the need for purchased concentrates and increasing the dry-matter intake from forages. Research also indicates that feeding triticale



forage may reduce phosphorus excretion by livestock.

Because Dairy Banquet® Bovine Bounty and TriCal® 336 winter triticale are highly digestible, a dairy producer's feeding program will need to be changed in order to capitalize on the

added nutritional value. Additional savings could be realized by increasing the dry-matter intake from forages to 60 percent. Dairy producers should be sure to work closely with their nutritionist to properly balance the diet.

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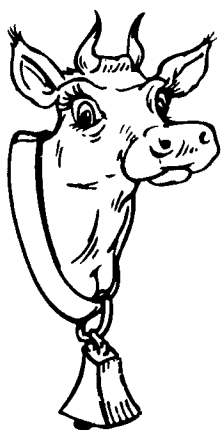
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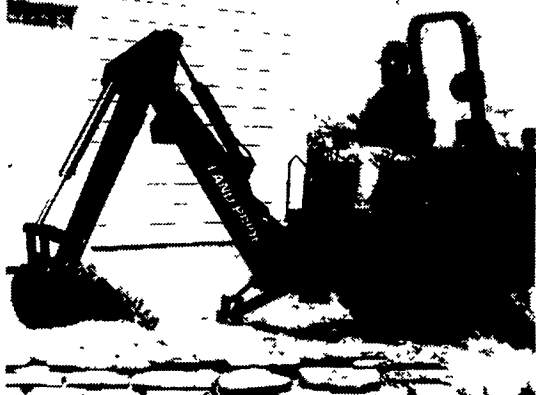
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