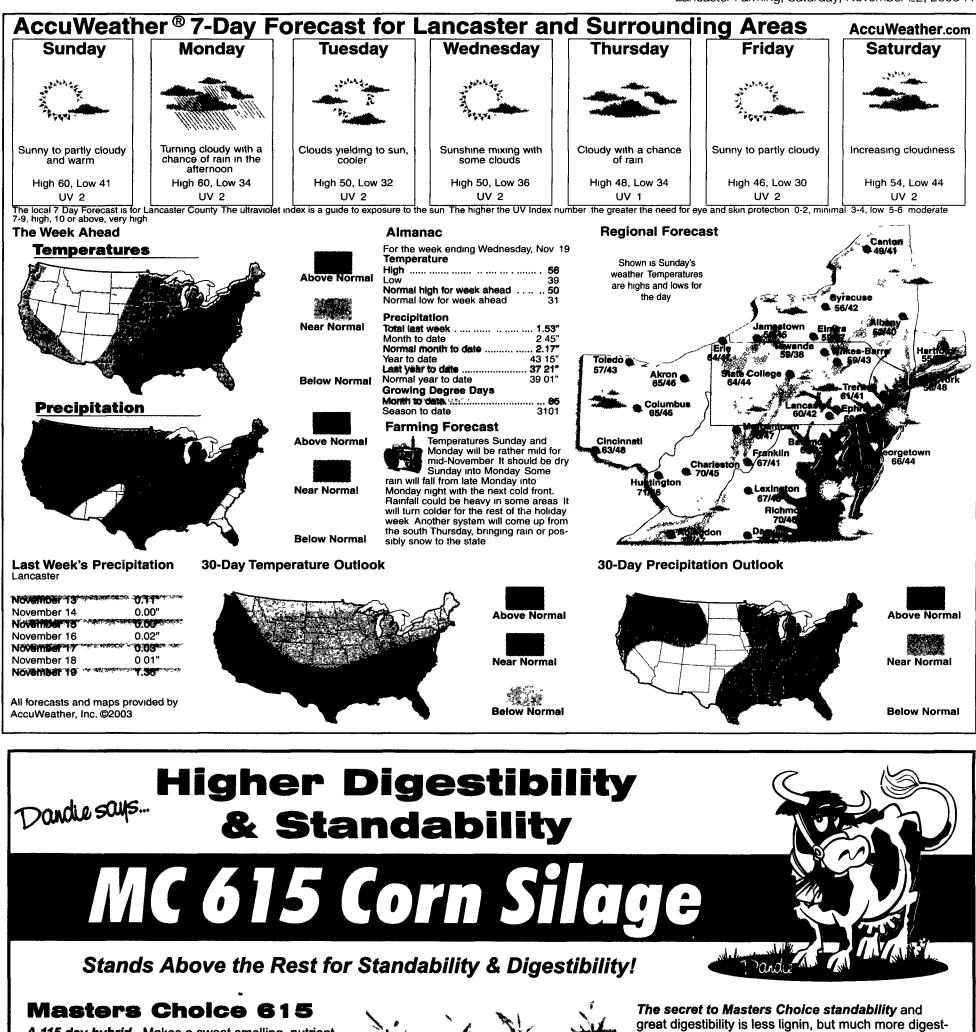
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A 115 day hybrid- Makes a sweet smelling, nutrient dense silage with high grain content, and excellent digestibility. Plant health is also excellent. Reports of 2002 and 2003 performance have been excellent. Comments made by farmers include: excellent yields, very few broken stalks, even after tropical storm Isabel went through, very high levels of sugar (typically 4 to 6%), and great packing characteristics.



The secret to Masters Choice standability and great digestibility is less lignin, but much more digestible cellulose fiber. MC 615 and its short season half sister MC 520Q have thick, dense stalks that are not only nutritious, but also yield outstanding for a corn of average height.

True Digestibility Forage Analysis MC 615 Corn Silage - Hagertown, MD		
	MC 615	Ave. Corn
C.P.	10 6	8.5
NEL	.81	.70 to 74
NDFD	64	48 to 52
IVTD	83	79 5
Cell Wall Dig	61	50 to 54
NSC	47	44

Note: In extreme wind, leaves were shredded, and stalks blown over, but very few stalks were broken. MC 615 has a dense, but shorter stalk - usually shorter than most silage hybrids.



Additional Masters Choice Hybrids with Excellent Standability

MC 605Q - 114 days. A high stress performer with some natural tolerance to corn borer. It has moderately soft kernels at silo filling time. Widely adapted to different soil types and planting populations. Will produce more than one ear if conditions are good. Great standability. If planted below 18,000, it usually produces 2 ears per stalk.

MC 564 - 112 days. New for 2004. A high yielding grain variety. Excellent plant health and standability. Also easy to hand shuck and shell.

MC 530 - 105 days. A high stress performer with high sugars. It tassels and pollinates about 5 days earlier than similar maturity hybrids. Excellent standability.

MC 520Q - 102 days. Similar to 615, but shorter season. In addition to all the positive traits of MC 615, it also has the added benefit of some natural tolerance to corn borer.