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Happy New Year! All JFM Mills are closed January 1st

Food for Thought: How to Stretch Forages when Inventory is Low

This summer corn silage inventories were depleted because of the late haylage harvest and late corn planting. This caused many producers to increase haylage in rations to stretch or replace corn silage. Now, haylage inventories are running low on area farms and some rations may need to contain more corn silage, which, in turn will alter the ration and could affect corn silage inventories next summer. If you find your forage bunks are emptier than they should be this time of year, below are a few ways you might be able to stretch your forages through the winter.

1. **Allocate forages to best suit each animal group.** Example: Allocate best haylage to milking cows and use or purchase moderate quality hay/haylage for heifers. Heifer rations can be balanced to suit.
2. **Manage Animal Inventories.** Consider not milking more cows than are needed to fill quota and incentive days and manage the number of heifers. If heifer and cow inventories are higher than necessary, sell some of the bottom end of the herd. Consider custom feeders for non-essential groups.
3. **Purchase high fibre by-products to reduce forage requirements in the ration.** Example: by-products include beet pulp, corn gluten feed, JFM GSPs and soyhulls.
4. **Reduce Refusals.** Example: Feed for only 1-2% refusals to lactating cows. Important: Do not feed to zero refusals.
5. **Limit Feed Heifers:** Feed a balanced ration to weight as opposed to free choice
6. **Keep Dry Matters Current.** When dry matters change you may be under or over feeding forage. Overfeeding (or underfeeding) forages unbalances the ration and is a waste of feed.

Talk to your JFM Sales Rep about forage inventory. Looking at forage inventories now can prevent forages from running low before next harvest. Your JFM Sales Rep can help you determine the best way to stretch forages on your farm. *by Trish Dunn*

Yard and Laneway Access – Did you Know?

Did you know that your local Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance Services etc.) request that your laneway be free of low tree limbs and that your laneway and yard be free of snow and ice? This is to ensure that emergency service vehicles can access your property in a time of need. Jones Feed Mills also requests the same for accessing your farm and bin area for unloading feed.



Together we can all be safe!

FUTURES

Dec 29, 2019

Live Cattle



(\$/CWT)

Feb	\$ 166.09
Apr	\$ 167.40
Jun	\$ 156.06
Aug	\$ 152.88

Dressed Hogs



(\$/CKG)

Feb	\$ 204.18
Apr	\$ 191.53
May	\$ 207.19
Jun	\$ 220.58

Canadian Dollar: \$1.31

Source: farms.com

On the Calendar!

**Jan 1- All JFM Locations
CLOSED**

**Jan 3-9 Grey Bruce Farmers
Week*- Elmwood Community
Centre**

**Jan 9-11 22nd Annual Beef
Industry Convention*-
Lamplighter Inn, London**

**Jan 15-16 Dairy Farmers of
Ontario AGM- Fairmont
Royal York, Toronto**

**Jan 18 FarmSmart 2020
Conference- University of
Guelph**

**Jan 23 Guelph Organic
Conference and Expo-
University of Guelph**

**Feb 12 JFM Dairy Producer
Meeting*- Linwood
Community Centre**

**JFM Sponsored or Exhibiting Event*

Almost There...



The new **George Jones Bulk Production Plant** is nearing completion and is now in the testing phase. Our plan is to ensure everything is operational before introducing feed ingredients. We hope to be testing feed manufacturing early in January for a start up goal of late January/early February. In this photo you can see the Christmas lights our Maintenance Team has on display from 175'!

2019 Corn Crop

With the long, weather-troubled harvest season, many customers are inquiring about corn quality. Though we have much to learn, here's what we can share to date: Much corn was high in moisture, influencing drying time. Grade quality seems less than last year. Toxin levels appear lower than 2018. More info to follow.



Dairy Producer Meeting

Wednesday Feb 12/20

Linwood Comm Centre

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Tom Overton

Details to Follow



Cows aren't Steers!

As most people are aware, all livestock minerals are not manufactured the same. This is done to ensure the right balance of vitamins and minerals are available for the livestock the mineral is being fed to. The new JFM **BCMPlus** mineral for (beef) brood cows is specially formulated to meet the individual needs of beef cows, regardless of the time of year or stage of gestation. JFM reminds producers to review their herd's pre-partum ration to ensure it is properly formulated to deliver their cow's needs ahead of calving season. For more information on cow health call Mike Geddes 519-502-8864.

Calf Coat Special!

December 1/19 – January 31/20



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