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Notice, All JFM Mills and Offices are Closed for Victoria Day (May 24, 2021)

Jones Feed Mills Mourns the Loss of Long-Time Friend

It is with heavy hearts that Jones Feed Mills announces that long-time friend and employee of Jones Feed Mills, Tom McTavish has passed away. Many of you know Tom as Tom met and worked with many, many people through his 48-year tenure at Jones. Tom began his career at Jones as a feed truck driver, worked in sales and then managed the JFM dispatch department, a role well suited for his calm and pleasant demeanor and dedication to customers and co-workers. Tom retired from JFM in 2019. Our sincerest condolences to the McTavish family. Tom will be missed by all.



Anne Richards is all about Service!

With Covid restrictions in place, most of those that visit the Linwood or Heidelberg mills have not had the chance yet to meet Anne Richards. You also might not know that Anne started with Jones in July of 2020. Anne grew up on her family's hog farm near Newton, Ontario where she helped out both as a child and then again after university. Anne loves the outdoors and followed her passion through university where she studied Outdoor Recreation and Geography at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Later, Anne went on to study Agriculture at Kemptville College. If you were to ask Anne what she enjoys about her customer service role at Jones, Anne would comment, "After being away from the family farm and away from working in ag, I am excited to be back working with farmers and being involved in the ag industry. Agriculture is an essential industry and is always changing, and I find it exciting to be a part of this every day." Anne lives in Waterloo with her two children, Mark (9) and Fiona (7). In her spare time Anne enjoys camping, biking, participating in triathlons and hiking with her children. All of us Jones appreciate Anne and her calm and friendly manner and her sincere want to help staff and customers alike! We look forward to the time when you all get the chance to meet Anne!



FUTURES

April 30, 2021

Live Cattle

 (\$/CWT)

June	\$ 142.53
Aug	\$ 144.19
Oct	\$ 149.29
Dec	\$ 153.49

 Dressed Hogs
(\$/CKG)

June	\$ 245.62
July	\$ 244.53
Aug	\$ 236.30
Oct	\$ 200.91

Canadian Dollar: \$1.23

Source: farms.com

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Jones Feed Mills Covid-19 Protocols and Updates – May 2021

- JFM mills and offices remain closed to the public at this time. When visiting the Linwood or Wroxeter Mill, you may enter the vestibule of that office and speak with JFM personnel using the communication devices at each location. Only one person is allowed to be in any of the vestibules at a time. Masks must be worn when entering any of the vestibules. At Heidelberg, please follow the instructions on the front door and use the intercom to communicate with the customer service staff.
- Curb and dockside pick-up remain available at all JFM mills.
- Customers are requested to practice physical distancing when interacting with JFM sales or delivery personnel when at your farm.
- Essential sales and service calls continue while utilizing Covid-19 preventative measures including mask wearing when on-farm, physical distancing and avoiding confined spaces when others are present. JFM utilizes the same preventative procedures for all Covid-19 colour zones.

Tips for Better Haylage and Baleage

Article by Trish Dunn and Mike Mathieson

Haylage and baleage can both make excellent feed when done right. Growing good grasses and alfalfa are just the first step in making quality feed. Harvest and storage are just as important as the growing period when making feed. Once cut, quality cannot increase, but it can certainly decrease. The following tips can help improve feed quality and subsequent performance.



Focus on Quality. Quality of the feed should be considered before quantity.

Harvesting early will capture the highest protein and energy in the feed. Late May or early June is often ideal when alfalfa is in the bud stage and grasses are in the boot stage. Cutting early allows for a third or even a fourth cut to improve yields.

Capturing high protein in haylage and baleage can help reduce the amount of purchased protein needed in rations.

Decide What you are Going to Make Before Cutting. All too often producers set out to make dry hay and mother nature intervenes with rain. The solution to this is often to make baleage. When this happens, feed is sometimes baled at the wrong moisture and feed quality is compromised. Looking at the forecast before cutting allows for planning and higher quality forage.

Make Moisture a Priority. When making baleage the ideal moisture is 45-55%, however 40-65% moisture is acceptable. Haylage is best stored a little wetter with the ideal moisture being 55-65% and no wetter than 70%. When moisture levels exceed 65% for baleage and 70% for haylage, the feed can become sour and is not palatable. When moisture levels are below 40% fermentation is slowed down allowing bacteria to grow and/or spoilage may occur.

Wider Swathes Allow for Faster, More Uniform Drying. This can be especially helpful when cutting forages that hold on to more moisture, like sorghum, oats, and tripper.

Use Caution with Wheel Rakes. Rakes work well when making dry hay but can cause problems when making wet baleage. When feed is dry, any dirt that is stirred up with a rake, will fall off, however when dirt is stirred up with wet feed, it will stick. This problem is two-fold; ash content will be increased, and the risk of clostridium is greater.

Wrap Quickly, Wrap Thickly. Plastic should be high quality, with low air filtration. Bales should be wrapped as soon as possible after baling with a minimum of 6 mm of wrap. Research has shown that bales left unwrapped for even 24 hours after baling heat significantly, increasing risk of spoilage. Additionally, bales wrapped with less than 6 mm of wrap have significant heating. If bales are wrapped in the field, extra wrap will help prevent stubble from poking through the wrap.

Consider Inoculants. The use of inoculants will help maintain the quality of haylage or baleage. Talk to your supplier about which ones best suited your operation.



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Monday May 17 RTL	Chicks, Turkeys, Ducks	Tuesday July 6
Monday May 31		

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