

April 30, 2012 Alfalfa Harvest Alert / Scissors-Cut Information

Central Minnesota Forage Council, U of M Extension, Farm and Business Cooperators

Chart starts with all farms for most recent test - followed by all tests for individual farms.

Farms are listed somewhat from south to north. Watch 3-4 samples for trend line.

"Hgt" is height of tallest stems in 2 foot square sample area.

"Mat" is Maturity of most mature stem 1=Veg 2=Bud 3=Flower

	Farm	County	Town	Hgt	Mat	PEAQ	RFV	RFQ	ADF	NDF	NDFd	CP
1	Stocker	Scott	Jordan									
2	Lambrecht	Scott	Belle Plain									
3	Dreier	Carver	Norwood	16.5	veg	235	235	242	23.5	27.9	40.4	26.9
4	Hoehn	Carver	Bongard	14	veg	>240	264	274	21.5	25.4	40.4	27.8
5	Wandersee	Carver	Watertown									
6	Kreinke	McLeod	Lester Prairie									
7		Meeker										
8	Poppler	Wright	Waverly	18	veg	224	270	275	20.9	25.0	40.5	29.1
9	Krause	Wright	W Buffalo									
10	Gathje	Stearns	Eden Valley									
11	Maus	Stearns	S Freeport									
12	Frericks	Stearns	N Melrose									
13	Winkelman	Benton	E Duelm									
14	Scapanski	Benton	NE Sauk Rapids									
15	O & S Dairy	Benton	E Rice									
	O&S Sample with old crop residue*											
16	Roerick	Morrison	SE Upsala									
17	Pierz	Morrison	N Pierz									

* Old crop residue, grass, weeds can be a factor with variations that are difficult to predict.

As the new crop grows, we might expect old residue to be a smaller share of sample, and less significant. So there's probably not a need to run out and cut this with more yield on the way.

Lambrecht - Scott Co - Belle Plain

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Dreier - Carver Co - Norwood

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Date	Height	Mat	PEAQ	RFV	RFQ	ADF	NDF	NDFd	CP	GDD	Notes
4/25	14	veg	>240	284		20.2	23.9		26.1		
4/30	16.5	veg	235	235	242	23.5	27.9	40.4	26.9		