

Attica Veterinary Associates

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Corn Silage update from Dr. Jon

Most corn in the area looks great! Yield and quality should be excellent!!! Good planting conditions and timely rains have helped. Drier conditions earlier may have helped NDF digestibility. There are not many reports of blight this year. All in all it should be a good corn crop, with good starch and digestibility.

So all that's left is to:

- Harvest at the proper moisture;
- Have ideal chop length with an optimal processing score;
- Have a proper packing strategy in the bunk;
- The ideal kernel processing score would be **70% or greater**. The best processed samples look like fine ground corn meal with no kernels and only small pieces of cob

How to achieve a 70% or greater processing score on every load?

- **Chop Shorter** -- 15mm gives you smaller cob pieces and cuts the kernels before the processor
 - Shorter chopped corn will increase intakes and decrease sorting and eating time
- **Processor roll differential** -- the rolls spinning at different speeds helps shred forage and bust up kernels. Work with your dealer... different pulleys and kits are available.
- **Roll gap** -- Start at 2mm and go to 1mm. Remember if the processor blows up just blame Dr. Jon. Also the rolls should be measured towards the center when checking.
 - Be sure to change the rolls every 2000 acres.

Getting all this right makes a difference in cow performance!

Other things to keep in mind:

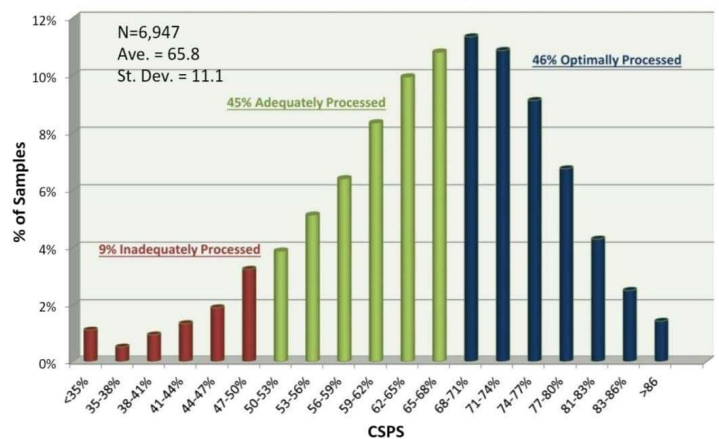
Monitor Dry Matter! It can change field to field. This change in moisture will affect the kernel fragility. Take a few moments to check processing and moisture when changing fields.

If you upgrade your corn head to increase rows the same size processor might not work!

Aftermarket moisture meters are available for in spout real time DM checking. This is useful when looking for fields that are ready to chop.

The nutrition team here at the Attica Veterinary Associates is ready and willing to assist you with your 2020 corn harvest. We can help monitor your kernel processing score as well as your moisture levels. Feel free to call and talk with us.

Distribution of Corn Silage Processing Score
CVAS, 2017-2018 Crop Years



Book Drive in Memory of Sam Leadley

The Stafford Little Library at St. Paul's is accepting books in memory of Dr. Sam Leadley and will continue to until around the end of September.

The Little Library is a bookcase 3 feet wide and 3 feet high, with three shelves. It's located between the parish hall and the church, 6188 Main St. The book collaboration donation is organized by the Genesee County Interagency Council and Little Library.

Books, reading, writing and down-to-earth teaching were extremely important to Sam. That's how he learned so much and also how he shared with others his thirst for accurate information. As for calves, Sam fell in love with every newborn heifer he ever met. He believed each one deserved to be the best cow she could become. Sam was a staple at Attica Vet for his calf and heifer expertise. He began specializing in calf and heifer management back in 1988, and ever since his reputation has flourished. Sam was one of the most recognized names in the calf and heifer industry, not only in the United States, but also around the world. Dr. Leadley has consulted on numerous operations in Asia, Europe, and both North and South America.

He was a member of numerous community organization and volunteered his time for the Stafford Cemetery Association, LeRoy Historical Society and a proud member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stafford. Above all, Sam was a helper and a teacher. Many of the books donated in his memory are about farm animals or depict the importance of being a kind and generous person. Sam was a lover of all things that increased our learning in the world and he worked tirelessly to make his community a better place.

If you so choose, please feel free to drop off a book at the vet clinic in his memory and we will see it gets to the Stafford Little Library. Please drop books off by Sept. 25th

FOR SALE

50 Dairy cows for sale - contact Dan Meyer 585-591-0116

Round bale grabber - HLA \$1,700

Grain tote \$250

Call / Text - 585-815-3717

Wanted: Heifers to board - Age 2-6mos, room for 100-120 - contact Jim Woods 585-590-9115

100 CalfTel hutches with hardware & Wire Panels.

Very good condition - \$225 (\$235 if need disassembled for travel)

Jim Woods 585-590-9115

**Please note our office will close at noon on Labor day – Monday, September 7th, 2020
Our veterinarians will still be available for emergencies as usual.**

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