



# 2008 Dairy-Forage Day

and Fond du Lac Co. Forage Council Annual Meeting

Friday, December 12th

UW Fond du Lac, Rm. 205/206 Admin/Extension Bldg.

10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**10:30 Registration / Coffee**

**10:45 How do your alfalfa yields stack-up against these growers?**

..... Mike Rankin, Crops and Soils Agent, Fond du Lac County

We are now two years into the Wisconsin Alfalfa Yield and Persistence (WAYP) Project and we can start to sort-out what "on-farm" alfalfa production has been across the state. Compare your production to that of these growers.

**11:15 Crazy eight's – 2008 Corn Prices. Dealing Crazy Ideas for Dairy Rations**

.....Paul Dyk, Dairy and Livestock Agent, Fond du Lac County

Crazy years call for equally crazy ideas. Paul will look at some ration options you may want to consider for 2008 and beyond.

**11:45 Hold the phone....corn silage may not be what we thought it was**

..... Dave Combs, Dairy Scientist, UW-Madison

UW Dairy Scientists have been working on a new procedure for measuring NDF digestibility in forages. The results have been promising. On average the new procedure gives similar estimates of fiber digestibility for grasses and alfalfa as before, but estimates of corn silage fiber digestibility are significantly lower. Are the new estimates of fiber digestibility in corn silage more accurate? How will this affect ration balancing? Would lower estimates of NDF digestibility affect how we select corn hybrids? Dr. Combs will discuss these and other questions.

**12:15 Buffet Lunch**

**1:00 Nutritional Reasons to Feed Grass with Corn Silage and Alfalfa**

..... Dave Combs, Dairy Scientist, UW-Madison

Sometimes rations are just too hot. Producers are paying hay prices to put straw into rations. Dr. Combs makes his case why some grass in a dairy ration may make both agronomic and nutritional sense.

**1:30 Speed drying alfalfa with wide swaths ..... a panel discussion**

Wide swath haymaking has been a hot topic for several years. A number of producers have adopted the practice and now it's time to get their perspectives and experiences (both good and bad!). This group of producers will do just that.....

Ricky Kratz, Kratz Farms, Slinger  
Jim Fitzgerald/Tyler Herzog, Soaring Eagle Dairy, Newton  
John Diederichs, 3D Dairy, Malone  
Bruce Verhasselt, Verhasselt Farms, Kaukauna

**2:30 Fond du Lac County Forage Council Annual Meeting**

Please pre-register by Tuesday, December 9th so that a meal count can be made

## 2008 Dairy-Forage Day Registration Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons x \$15.00/Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to:** Fond du Lac County Forage Council

This form is also available on the internet at: [www.uwex.edu/ces/crops/DFDay08.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/crops/DFDay08.pdf) and can be emailed to michael.rankin@ces.uwex.edu

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