



Fond du Lac County Forage Council



# Fall Forage Field Day

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**When:** Wednesday, September 5  
**Where:** Ryan-Vu Dairy, Mark and Mary Ryan  
N3934 Hwy. 175, Fond du Lac\*\*  
**Time:** 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## -----Field Day Highlights-----

### **11am - 12:00 pm Corn Silage Moisture Testing**

Bring 4 stalks of corn from silage fields (maximum of two samples per farm) for whole plant moisture determination. Be sure samples are representative of entire field. Cut samples at normal cutting height. Stalks should be tied together and tagged with name, address, phone number, E-mail or fax (if available), hybrid, maturity, and planting date. There will be no charge for testing but samples need to be brought to the farm before 12:00 pm.

### **11:45 Lunch**

The Fond du Lac County Forage Council will provide lunch for a nominal \$2.00 per plate charge.

### **12:30 - 1:30 Fall Forage Update Program**

#### **“Storing Silage in Towers, Bags, or Bunkers to Maximize Density and Minimize Dry Matter Losses”**

.....**Dr. Brian Holmes, UW-Extension Ag Engineer**

How much of what you harvest is actually fed? Research indicates that the answer to this question can vary widely from farm to farm. Silage density and dry matter loss are directly related. Significant variation exists with all methods of storage. Dr. Holmes will discuss what causes these losses and how you can feed more of what is harvested.

#### **“It's all in the crimp – testing mower-conditioner roll clearance”**

.....**Mike Rankin, Crops and Soils Agent**

Hay dry down rate is greatly impacted by the degree of hay conditioning (crimping). Now there's a quick and easy test for measuring roll clearance to insure hay doesn't lay in the field any longer than necessary.

\*\* The Ryan farm is located just south of the County Rd. B intersection on the west side of Hwy. 175.