



Fond du Lac County Forage Council



# Fall Forage Field Day

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**When:** Tuesday, September 7  
**Where:** John and Paul Ruedinger Farm  
W7222 Cemetery Rd., Van Dyne  
**Time:** 11am - 2:00 pm

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

### **11am - 12:30 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 12:30 pm.

### **11:15 Facility tour and Bunker Silo Management Presentation**

John Ruedinger will discuss dairy and forage management at Padel Farms. Irv Possin, Dairy and Livestock Agent, will present results from the bunker density study.

### **12:00 Lunch**

The FdL Co. Forage Council will provide lunch for a nominal \$2.00 per plate charge.

### **12:45 - 2:00 Fall Forage Update Program**

#### **“Mycotoxins in Hay and Corn Silage - What we know and don't know”**

.....**Pat Hoffman, UW Extension Dairy Specialist**

There is currently a lot to learn about mycotoxins in silage. However, we do know that if a problem exists, it can be costly. Pat will bring us up-to-date on the current knowledge, share some "real life" mycotoxin stories, and offer ways to prevent and identify problems.

#### **“Alfalfa Hoppers, Toppers, and Floppers”**

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

Discussion of UW alfalfa variety performance in Fond du Lac County and what's limiting alfalfa yields.