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Corn Silage Maturity Being Monitored

The Manitowoc County Forage Council, Manitowoc County UW-Extension, and LTC are involved in a corn silage maturity project. The concept for the project was developed by Steve Hoffman of Hoffman Crop Consulting. Hoffman, along with other crop consultants, Carl Buchner, Colleen Loppnow and Jeff Zutz are conducting the project.

Each consultant is monitoring corn fields based on a number of factors including the following:

- Location
- Hybrid
- Relative maturity
- Planting date
- Plant health rating
- Style of maturity
- Estimated harvest date based on 68% moisture

Eight fields are being closely monitored and the results are shared with the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office. Results are then also shared with members of the Manitowoc County Forage Council, dairy nutritionists, and other crop consultants.

Results are also available 24 hours, seven days a week by calling 683-4654. Internet postings will be provided at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/ag/index.html>, click on corn silage maturity monitoring.

A special thank you is extended to the four crop consultants for their assistance with this project.

Harvest Corn Silage at the Correct Moisture

Below are moisture recommendations for harvesting corn silage based on various storage structures.

Storage Structure	Recommended Moisture Content (Percent)
Upright Oxygen Limiting Silos	60-50
Upright Concrete Stave Silos	65-60
Bags	70-60
Horizontal Bunker Silos/ Flat Storage	70-65

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