

Alfalfa Quality Information

Goal: Relation Feed Value (RFV) of 150

Favorable growing conditions have the alfalfa crop developing slightly ahead of recent years. PEAQ stick measurement from May 18 and May 19 are as follows:

Sample Date	Location	RFV
5/18/04	Haven	235
5/18/04	Sheboygan Falls	220
5/19/04	Random Lake	200
5/19/04	Cascade	195
5/19/04	Kewaskum	190 (early bud)

Scissor cut results and PEAQ RFV's are about 20 RFV points higher than forage coming out of storage. On average, we lose roughly 4 RFV points per day. Using that assumption, harvest away from Lake Michigan should be around May 25. Scissor cut and PEAQ stick measurement will be taken May 24th, and e-mailed along to you. Harvesting and feeding more high-quality alfalfa forage may be a useful strategy for reducing purchased protein.

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