

## 2013 Alfalfa Quality Information

Goal-Relative Feed Value (RFV) of 150

### Quality Information from 5/23/13

A few warm days pushed alfalfa plant growth and development. Alfalfa plant height drives quality.

On average we lose roughly 3-5 RFV points per day depending on temperatures. PEAQ RFVs are about 15 RFV points higher than forage coming out of storage due to respiration and harvest losses.

PEAQ quality measurements and scissor cuts (lab analysis) will be taken the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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| Location    | Sample Date | PEAQ RFV | Plant Ht (inches) | Growth Stage |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Haven       | 5/23/13     | 230      | 17                | Vegetative   |
| Sheb. Falls | 5/23/13     | 217      | 19                | Vegetative   |
| Glenbeulah  | 5/23/13     | 211      | 20                | Vegetative   |
| Batavia     | 5/23/13     | 195      | 23                | Vegetative   |
| Waldo       | 5/23/13     | 211      | 20                | Vegetative   |
| Hingham     | 5/23/13     | 200      | 22                | Vegetative   |
| Kewaskum    | 5/23/13     | 200      | 22                | Vegetative   |
| West Bend   | 5/23/13     | 200      | 22                | Vegetative   |

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