

2013 Alfalfa Quality Information

Goal-Relative Feed Value (RFV) of 150

Quality Information from 5/28/13

Alfalfa development is progressing well and warm temperatures this week will push alfalfa growth and maturity. Some fields especially further west away from Lake Michigan are ready for harvest. Interesting to note the lower NIR – RFVs. Otherwise target the week of June 3rd to harvest high quality alfalfa forage. 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 dry matter losses.

Future results will be posted on our website: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/>. For more information contact Mike Ballweg at (920) 459-5910 or Alan Linnebur at (262) 335-4477.

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Location	Scissors Cut Analysis				Field PEAQ Estimates		
Sample Date May 28, 2013	CP %	ADF %	NDF %	RFV	Maturity	Plant Ht (inches)	PEAQ RFV
Haven	20.26	26.91	37.22	170	Late Veg	20	211
Sheb. Falls	25.82	25.57	34.79	185	Late Veg	21	205
Glenbeulah	24.78	25.22	35.63	181	Late Veg	22	200
Batavia	23.17	29.51	39.87	154	Early Bud	26	176
Waldo	25.28	25.07	35.89	180	Late Veg	21	205
Hingham	22.52	28.87	39.83	155	Early Bud	24	186
Kewaskum #1	23.28	27.53	38.08	165	Late Veg	24	190
Kewaskum #2	22.16	27.83	39.23	159	Late Veg	23	195
Hartford #1	23.79	27.47	37.75	166	Early Bud	26	176
Hartford #2	23.12	29.00	39.15	158	Late Veg	25	185
