

### Quality Information from 5/23/19

A cool and wet May has delayed Alfalfa growth and development.

Dairy producers and nutritionists are frequently targeting RFQs greater than 150. Develop your feeding strategy with your nutritionist to ensure rations have the correct proportions of protein, energy and fiber.

PEAQ - RFVs are about 15 - 20 RFV points higher than forage coming out of storage due to respiration and dry matter (leaf) losses. Keep in mind the quality vs. yield trade-off when harvesting alfalfa.

You can monitor the quality of individual alfalfa fields on your farm with a yardstick and the PEAQ Chart.

Please find the PEAQ chart form the link below.

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/files/2014/01/PEAQTable.pdf>

On average we lose approximately 3-5 RFV points per day depending on temperatures.

**Quality measurements and samples will be taken on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Take time to be safe.**

| Location       | Sample Date | PEAQ RFV | Plant Ht (inches) | Growth Stage |
|----------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Batavia        | 5/23/19     | 224      | 18                | Vegetative   |
| Hingham        | 5/23/19     | 224      | 18                | Vegetative   |
| Cedar Grove    | 5/23/19     | 224      | 18                | Vegetative   |
| Town of Mosel  | 5/23/19     | -        | 13*               | Vegetative   |
| Town of Wilson | 5/23/19     | -        | 12*               | Vegetative   |

\* Shorter than what is represented on the PEAQ Chart

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