



2023 Silage Crop Report Card

In-season Crop Notes	
How did your crop look during the growing season? Was it healthy, green, and vigorous? Or was it yellow and stunted? Did you observe any leaf diseases?	
Management	
Number of acres of corn silage in 2023:	
Did you devote enough acres to corn silage?	
Do you need more acres next year to build inventory?	
Did you spray a fungicide? If yes, did you see any visual benefits and did you weigh and analyze samples to see the difference?	
Harvest Timing	
<i>For more detailed information and tips on silage harvest timing, check out this article.</i>	
Was the maturity of your hybrids correct, or were they too long or too short?	
Did you time the harvest at the correct moisture level? Make notes for next year on your observations so you can improve your timing.	
Kernel milk line at harvest:	
Accumulated CHU at harvest:	
How green were the plants at harvest?	
Yield Notes	
Was your yield more or less than expected?	
How did your yield compare to key benchmarks in your area?	
Did you yield enough to fill your bunker/silo/bag?	
Will you have enough feed to last to next harvest?	
Feed Notes	
<i>If you are feeding out of your new crop silage already, you likely have a feed test to help your nutritionist balance your ration. If you haven't taken a sample yet, it would be helpful to know what the feed values are and to calculate your feed inventory and if it will last until harvest next year. A feed analysis is key to ensuring you are optimizing your feed supply to maximize production. For more detailed information and tips on interpreting your corn silage analysis, check out this article.</i>	
Moisture content/dry matter:	
Did the silage go in at the right moisture content for your storage?	
Why was it too dry or too wet?	
Did your silo run, or is your bunk-face heating from being too dry and poor packing?	
Is your starch level where you would like it to be?	
Starch digestibility/ processing scores: How digestible is your starch content? How well did the harvester process the kernels? Are you seeing any kernels or pass-through in the manure?	
Fiber digestibility scores: Is your nutritionist happy with your fiber digestibility?	