There has never been a greater need to think seriously about managing for long-term success: maximizing the impact of every dollar invested in farm operations, capitalizing on opportunities, and avoiding common pitfalls. Join us on February 7, 2012 as we discuss:
· Top-quality haylage production
· Precision feed management
· Optimizing profitability with low-cost rations

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Maximizing Milk on Homegrown Feed

This workshop, part of a series of Agronomy Plus meetings across the state, will focus on getting more milk production through best agronomy practices, high forage diets, legume/grass mixes, and alternative feed rations.

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10:00am-3:30pm
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Agronomy Plus: Managing for Long-Term Success!

Join us on February 7th from 10:00am to 3:30pm

High grain prices now and for the foreseeable future make it even more critical to focus on forage management skills. The goal of this program is to look at forage management and feeding practices that will optimize milk yield and milk income over feed costs. Come and learn from forage and nutrition experts about existing opportunities to maximize milk production on homegrown forage.

Agenda

10:00am to 10:30 am – New and improved grass species and varieties: Sid Bosworth
10:30am to 11:30am – Feeding high forage rations: how high can we go? Larry Chase
11:30am to 12:10pm – New strategies for maximizing bunk density: Dan Undersander
1:00pm to 1:45pm – Precision feed management: Larry Chase
2:00pm to 2:45pm – Maximizing yield and quality of alfalfa/grass mixtures: Dan Undersander
2:45 to 3:15pm – New and emerging corn diseases: Heather Darby

TOPICS & SPEAKERS

Dr. Sid Bosworth – University of Vermont Forage Agronomist will provide us with an overview of forage quality across the state of Vermont. He will highlight new grass species and varieties and performance data for our region.

Dr. Larry Chase – Cornell University Dairy Nutritionist will highlight opportunities that exist to optimize the use of homegrown forage within dairy rations. With high grain prices, the value of more forage in a ration will help the bottom line! Larry will also talk about Precision Feed Management to help farm improve nutrient efficiency, homegrown feed utilization, and milk income over feed costs on the farm.

Dr. Dan Undersander – University of Wisconsin Forage Agronomist will deliver information on best strategies to produce high quality alfalfa/grass mixtures including information on variety selection, fertility management, and harvest timing. Dr. Undersander will also highlight new Bunker Density Tools that will help you reduce feed losses during storage.

Dr. Heather Darby – University of Vermont Agronomist will highlight new and emerging corn diseases in the area. New diseases such as gray mold, leaf blights, and anthracnose are causing yield and quality losses throughout the area. Learn how to identify and manage these yield robbers!

UVM Extension helps individuals and communities put research-based knowledge to work.

Registration Form

The cost to attend is $20 per person (includes lunch)

Number attending ____________

Total cost ________________

To register, go to www.uvm.edu/extension/agronomyplus

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