



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



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**AGRONOMY CORNER**

Want to know what's going on in the field? We've got LOTS of ways.

- 1) Follow us on Twitter (@ctyfarmcentre) for up to date agronomic info.
- 2) Check out the "crop inputs" section of our website for informative articles.
- 3) Sign up to receive our "Agronomic alert" e-mails (sign up is on our website).
- 4) Go old fashioned and call us!

Some current happenings in the field:

**Alfalfa Weevil**

- Usually after 1st cut these pests decrease but this year we're seeing problems in 2nd cut regrowth.
- The best method of controlling weevil is to cut the crop early, however if that's not possible insecticide might be required.
- Action thresholds:
  - o <1 larvae per stem = no action
  - o 1 larvae per stem and alfalfa < 30 cm tall = action required
  - o 2 larvae per stem and alfalfa <40 cm tall = action required
  - o 3 larvae per stem at any height = action required



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**Potato leafhopper**

- Hopperburn systems start as a "V" yellow pattern on leaf tip.
- Action thresholds:
  - o Average of 0.2 adults per sweep when stem height is 9 cm
  - o Average of 0.5 adults per sweep when stem height is 15 cm
  - o Average of 1 adult or nymph per sweep when stem height is 25 cm
  - o Average of 2 adult or nymph per sweep when stem height is 36 cm



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**Agronomy Return Policy**

A friendly reminder of our return policy: All returns must be made in resalable condition and within the posted timeframes.

## FEED DEPARTMENT

### #FillTheFive

• All righty! Let the fun begin. Exciting times with the 5% raise in quota! 1st off I would like to start this article with a promotion just special for the increase. Anyone that texts, emails or tweets Dave or myself a **#FillTheFive** picture (we will be tweeting or retweeting them on twitter for the month of July) will be in a draw for a special prize at the end of the month! Multiple entries (one entry per picture) welcome and are for Masterfeeds/County Farm Centre Dairy customers only. Lets' have some fun and I guarantee the prize will not disappoint. (next newsletter we will post the winner)

• Next up, as I write this article we have already received several 1st cut samples back. Most samples have been little low in protein (5 samples so far have been greater than 18%). With that being said the digestibility's are good and the lignin and digestible fibers are looking ok. If I would average the samples I would say that the cows' intakes on this 1st cut will be above normal and production should at least stay the same or even improve slightly! So good news.

• Now some quick tips to help **#FillTheFive**:

- Heat Stress Packs
- TMR Heating prevention
- Barn Cooling (Fans, Mistlers) Fly Control
- Palm Fat
- Milk Replacer (cheaper than feeding calves sale milk)
- Ration Tweaks (balance for Correct DMI)
- Dry Cow Programs

Try to avoid feeding partially fermented feed when possible

Good Luck everyone. If you have any questions don't be afraid to contact Dave McGee or myself. So, lets' **#FillTheFive** and don't forget to send us your pictures!

Mike Ingram.

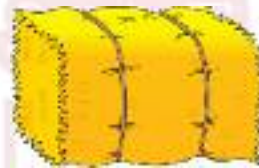
## STORE NEWS

Summer seems to have finally showed up and we couldn't be happier!



We have three different colors of mulch to choose from, which include **Red, Black or Mocha** to help keep those weeds in check!

Baskets and containers are in stock for the ongoing vegetable harvest, see in store for sizes and pricing.



Also come in and see our wide range of bailing supplies – twin, wrap, silage covers, bale traps and much more.

Water storage tanks are available with lots of different sizes and options, come see us today!

### Propane Tank Refill Station

20, 30, 100 lbs. tanks can be refilled.

\*Picton Location Only\*

Exchange Program available at our Foxboro and Madoc locations



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