



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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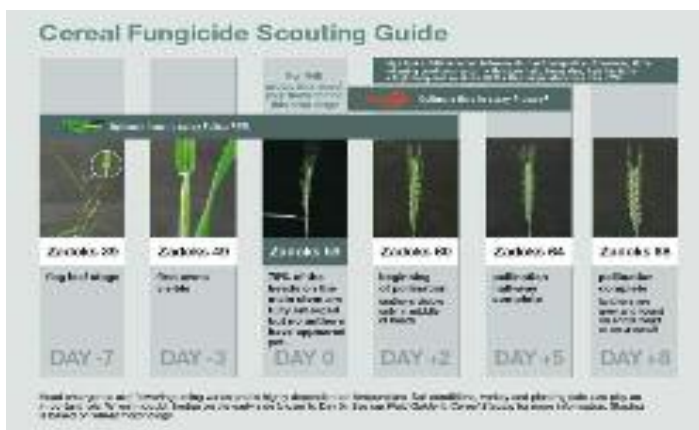
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AGRONOMY CORNER

It's hard to believe but wheat heading is just around the corner! With this year being so wet and cool, a fungicide is a great tool in the toolbox to keep your wheat as healthy as possible. Give us a call if you would like your wheat checked for staging.



gestible the fiber is, the less filling it is and the shorter the time it remains in the rumen to be broken down. As a result, the cows will consume more leading to greater Dry Matter Intakes (DMI).

For example, let's compare two forage samples that have the same NDF values of 21% Crude Protein, 32% ADF and 43% NDF. If sample one has an NDFD of 45% compared to sample two which has a NDFD of 60%, we can assume sample two will result in a lot more milk or rate of gain simply because cows will be able to consume more of it. Studies have shown for every percent increase in NDFD, there can be an increase of 1 litre of milk production on a well balanced ration.

FEED DEPARTMENT

Understanding Our Feed Analysis Reports and the Importance of NDFD

In recent years, forage testing laboratories like Stratford Agri-Analysis - a Masterfeeds Company - have been testing for, and evaluating Neutral Detergent Fiber Digestibility (NDFD). While in the past, Nutritionists relied heavily on NDF and ADF levels which gave them an idea of the amount of fiber that was in forages, they were not able to predict how digestible or how quickly these different fibers could be broken down in the cow's rumen. To put this in perspective, the more di-



Maturity at harvest has the greatest affect on NDFD in forages. A decline on NDFD can be dramatic in grasses in a short period of time. Grasses that are in the vegetative state can have NDFD values as high as 70% and in a few days drop to 40% when heads appear. Legumes like alfalfas are not quite as high in NDFD values at the vegetative state but they decline at a slower rate.

ENERGY DIVISION

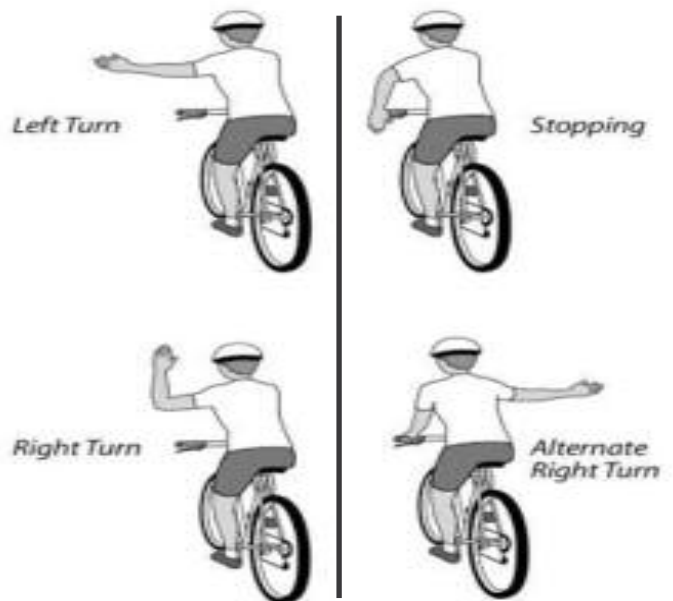
If you have any questions about your forage analysis, Mike and I will be more than happy to shed some light on it for you. Remember as Mike says ; Dry Matter Intakes Trump everything when it comes to production.

Lets all hope for some hay weather!
Be safe, Dave....

This time of year the County Farm Centre is busy working with farmers delivering everything from fertilizer and seed to fuel for all the equipment needed to get the crops in the ground. As the weather gets nicer we see more and more bicycles out and about and want to make sure that everyone is safe on these busy roads. Cycling is a fun and healthy activity, it's a low-cost way to get around, and it's good for the planet. Cyclists have to share the road with cars, pedestrians and other cyclists.

Before you head out on a bike remember the following simple tips:

- **Always wear a helmet.** Properly worn, it can reduce the risk of serious head injury by up to 80%.
- **Be prepared.** Know the rules of the road and be conscious of your surroundings.
- **Check your ride.** A fun and safe cycling experience starts with a properly tuned and equipped bicycle.
- **Be a role model.** Set a good example and practice safety together.
- **Stay to the side.** Ride single file and keep to the right side of the road
- **Use your hand Signals.**



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- Go to countyfarmcentre.com and sign-up on the front page.
- Email us at support@countyfarmcentre.com
- Or call us at (613) 476-2171

STORE NEWS

Preparing for summer? Stop by County Farm Centre where you can buy chlorine in bulk for your pool, and patio furniture for your entertainment areas !

We also carry a wide selection of **Tick, Mosquito and other bug repellents** to help make your summer more enjoyable and scratch-free.



Berry season is coming quickly and we have quart and litre baskets as well as masters to carry them in!