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# Dairy and the Environment

## 2007 Bucknell Conference

Dr. Tim Snyder  
Renaissance Nutrition

Renaissance provides the most advanced ration formulation available. We can match nutrient requirements precisely to animal needs, and cost-effectively meet your goals for animal productivity and health with minimal nutrient waste.

A variety of crop preservatives are available from Renaissance to maximize the value of crops. Silage management services are provided in order to preserve maximum feed value and deliver them in the most available form for healthy diets.

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Quality feed products with high nutrient bio-availability are provided by Renaissance to ensure animals get the nutrition they need.

**NUTRONOMY** - Optimizing Nutrition & Agronomy for productive and healthy animals and the environment

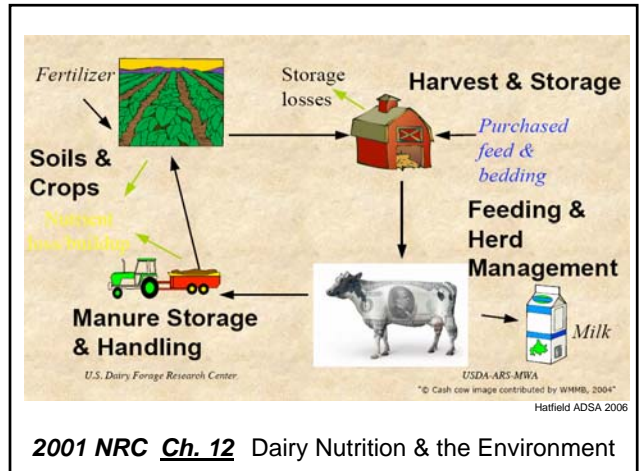
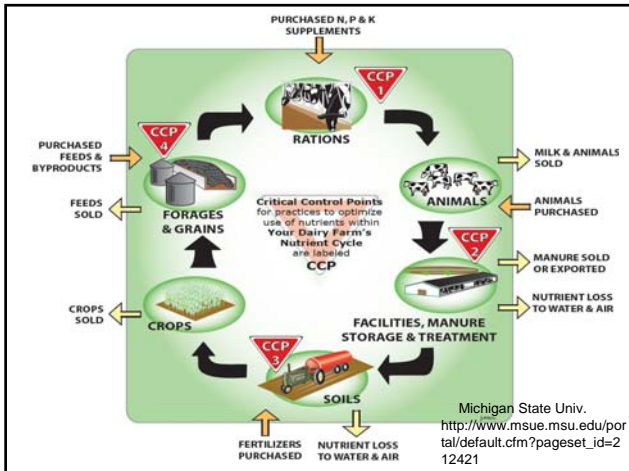
*Nutronomy... a unique distinctive!*

Renaissance recommends best management practices for manure handling and soil incorporation to reduce losses and increase crop yield. Optimizing animal nutrition impacts manure nutrient levels, and improves manure fertilizer nutrient uptake and crop growth.

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# Nutronomy Goals

- Optimize DM Intake, milk yield & components
- Optimize forage intake, control costs
- Ensure adequate fiber mat & cow health
- Balance carbohydrate and protein fractions
- Optimize fermentation & rumen bug protein
- Increase feed efficiency & minimize environmental loss and waste



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**What's New?**  
**May Webcast Archived.** Thank you to everyone who joined us for the "Value of Manure in Land Application Systems" webcast held on May 10, 2007. [More...](#) The recorded presentation, given by Dr. John Lory and Dr. Ray Massey of the University of Missouri is available at our [webcast archive](#). Download Power Point presentations [Log I Massey](#) (May 21)

**May Newsletter Available.** Stories include: June Webcast to Value Added Processing of Manure; Webcast Planning Underway, Alternative Technologies Web Resources Available; FPPIC Program Offers Cost Share for Innovative Manure Technologies; Iowa State to Host Conference on Anaerobic Treatment of Ag Waste. (May 4) [View Newsletter](#) | [Subscribe to Newsletter](#)

**Webcast Archive Available.** Thank you to everyone who joined us for the April webcast seminar, "Lessons Learned from the North Carolina Experience with the Smithfield Agreement." [More...](#) The archived presentation is available for on-demand viewing at our [archive site](#). Download the Power Point presentations for the speaker: [Virginia](#) (April 23)

**Alternative Technologies Resources Now Available.** The LPE Learning Center "Alternative Technologies for Manure Management" team has compiled a set of resources for those interested in learning more about this topic. The team will continue to make additions to the website over the next several months. Go to the [alternative technologies](#) site (April 20)

**Webcast Series**  
 LPE Learning Center Webcasts are held on the third Friday of each month at 2:30 pm (eastern), 1:30 pm (central), 12:30 pm (mountain) and 11:30 am (pacific). Real Player is needed to view LPELC webcasts. [How do I participate?](#) | [Schedule Through November, 2007](#)

**Upcoming Webcasts**  
 "Value Added Processing of Manure" June 15, 2007, 2:30 pm (eastern). Speakers are Greg Clause of Iowa State University, Dr. Doug Parker and Dr. Erik Lichtenberg of the University of Maryland. [More...](#)

**Archived Webcasts**  
 Archived webcasts are available for on-demand viewing. The archive also includes links to additional reading on that topic, information on receiving continuing education units, and may also include Power Point slides, Q&A summary, and links to specific segments of a webcast. [More...](#)

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<http://lpe.unl.edu/index.html>

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## Dairy and the Environment Articles

### 2007 Dairy publications

- Hoards Dairyman March 10 [Hoards has heard... WI farms](#)
- Hoards Dairyman March 10 [Hoards has heard...IN farms](#)
- Progressive Dairyman March 10 [Unlocking manure's full potential](#)
- Progressive Dairyman March 10 [Settling issues with sand-laden manure](#)
- Feedstuffs March 12 [Manure production efficiency improves](#)
- Farmshine March 9 [Nutrient management and nutrition linked](#)
- Farmshine March 9 [Benefits cited for turning wastes to fuel](#)
- Farmshine March 9 [Revised nutrient management reqs in effect](#)
- Farmshine March 9 [Precision feeding does a whole world of good](#)
- Country Folks March 19 [Nitrogen management on Dairy Farms](#)

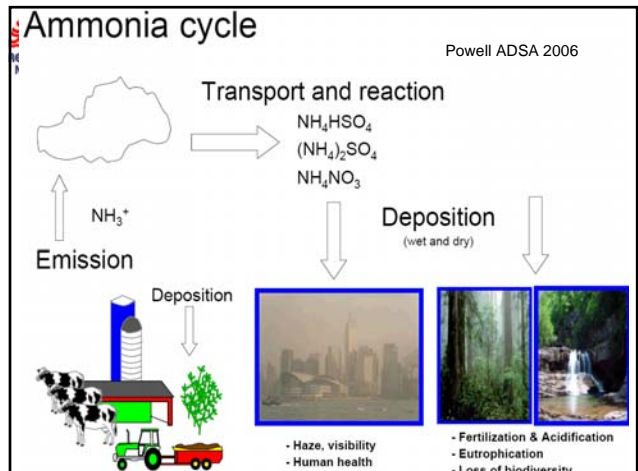
**Hoards Dairyman, May 25**  
[Measuring Dairy's Impact on Air Pollution](#)  
[Squeezing the value from your dairy manure](#)  
[The basics on using manure solids as bedding](#)  
[Sand-manure separation... What options do we have?](#)  
[So, when is a good time to spread manure](#)

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## Measuring Dairy's Impact on Air Pollution

Hoards Dairyman, May 25, 2007

- CA regulatory decisions were based on 1938 research of an elephant, a horse, 12 cows, some goats and sheep
- National Air Emission Monitoring Study  
CA, TX, WA, NY, IN, WI dairies selected
- Ammonia, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide, VOC's and particulate matter will be measured at key locations on each farm over 2 years. EPA charts developed to determine if producers will need Clean Air Act permits
- NMPF 3 year project with UNH, UC-D, USDA to develop computer simulations of air emissions from feed, animals, housing, storage, land application to allow farmers to input info, predict emissions and give suggestions to lower them
- EPA and states want to lower dairy emissions where air quality standards are not met; all dairies in the area affected





## My Big Five Feeding Challenges

Mike Hutjens Hoards May 25, 2007

- #1 Feed Management, Sorting, Inventory control
- **#2 Nitrogen and Phosphorus Excretion**
- MUN could become a benchmark to determine environmental risk...
- WI workers indicates CP below 16.5% support high milk production based on amino acid models
- Additional research may lower P below .38% of DM
- Corn distillers feeding may increase N and P fed
- Nitrogen Efficiency could become a benchmark for evaluating feeding Programs



## Dairy and the Environment at Nutrition Conferences

- Daily Manure Nutrient Flow from a Lactating Cow Facility, M. Hollmann et. al. **2007 Tri-State Nutrition Conference**

### 4 State Nutrition Conference - June 2007

- Practically Dropping Protein of Diets to Reduce Nitrogen Excretion - D. Byers
- What is the National feed management project all about? - Joe Harrison
- Feed management workshop for professionals desiring to take the ARPAS Feed Management Certification, -Harrison and Shaver
- PSU Dairy Nutrition Workshop will have a similar session



## NRCS NMP - Feed Mgt section

# ARPAS

American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists

"Strengthening and Promoting Excellence for the Professional Animal Scientist through Certification."

ABOUT ARPAS  
UEP AUDITS  
NRCS TSP PROGRAM  
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES  
CERTIFICATION

**Technical Service Provider Program** Tuesday, June 05, 2007

As previously announced, ARPAS and NRCS have established a Memorandum of Understanding that provides an opportunity for qualified ARPAS members to become Technical Service Providers for NRCS programs in the category of Feed Management.

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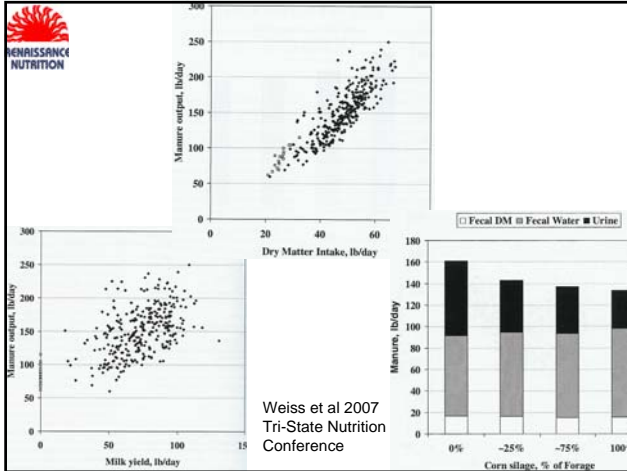
You may learn more about the requirements of being an NRCS Technical Service Provider from the web site: <http://techreg.usda.gov/>, and under Technical Service



## Factors affecting Manure on Dairy Farms

Weiss et al, 2007 Tri-State Nutrition Conference

- 15 experiments, 337 observations, 67 lactating diets cow
- Lactating cows avg 100# feces + 50# urine = 150# manure
- 100 # milk/cow manure output ranged from 125 to 250 #
- Manure output, #/d = (3.1x DMI, #/d) -1.8, i.e. about 3 : 1
- Dry cows produced 86 # manure (maintenance output!)
- 50 # milk/cow = 2.6 lb manure/ # milk ; 100 # milk/cow = 1.8 # manure / # milk; i.e. high milk dilutes maintenance !
- Manure output increases at an increasing rate as DMI increases; lower digestibility at higher passage rates
- Cows fed all haycrop silage produced twice as much urine as all corn silage fed cows; K substantially increases urine



**Jim Linn, 2006 Cornell Nutrition Conference**

- Good FE is not only of economic importance, but also is a monitor of nutrient management on farms. As FE increases, more nutrients are directed into milk production with less manure and nutrients excreted.
- As indicated by the NRC (2001), dietary protein utilization improves when the essential amino acid profile absorbed more closely meets the animal's essential amino acids requirement.
- Feeding diets that meet amino acid requirements of dairy cattle should reduce wastage of dietary protein, increase efficiency of protein utilization for milk synthesis, and allow for decreased CP levels in diets.

**VA "Dairy and the Environment" projects**

- VA Precision Phosphorus Feeding Incentive Program
- Fall 2005 through 2009 183 VA dairies; \$12/cow <105% NRC P; \$6/cow <115%NRC P; only 25% met \$ reward so far; NRCS and VA Dept of Conservation funded
- Free forage, TMR testing, consultation services

Stallings et al MANC 2007

**MD "Dairy and the Environment" Projects**

- Title: A program to improve dairy herd nutrition using milk urea nitrogen
- July 1 2005 to June 30, 2008 NRCS funded \$150 per farm for MUN < 11; \$100 for MUN <12
- Title: Enhancing Nutrient Efficiencies on Dairy Farms in the Monacacy Watershed MD and PA pilot in 2007 National Fish and Wildlife funded Nutritionists certified to work with NRCS and U MD; \$750 for Nutritional consultant; up to \$4500 per farm

Stallings et al MANC 2007



## PA "Dairy and the environment" projects

- Title: Precision Dairy Feeding to Reduce Nutrient Pollution in PA Waters and the Chesapeake Bay
- July 2005 through June 2008; NRCS funded
- 60 farms, 12 precision feeding workshops; Profitability Assessment Dairy Tool
- Forage, TMR, fecal, urine, MUN testing

Stallings et al MANC 2007



## MEASURING AND IMPROVING FEED EFFICIENCY IN LACTATING DAIRY CATTLE

### Intern Project 2007



### Feed Efficiency

Group ID: Farm A  
 % BST Usage: 0  
 Avg DM: 210  
 Avg SCC: 340  
 Avg MUN: 0  
 Comments:

Calculated DM, lb/d 53.15  
 ECM, lb/d 75.00  
 Cost for growth, 1st calf heifers, ECM, lb/d -0.71  
 Cost for heat stress, ECM, lb/d 0.00  
 Cost for cold temperature stress, ECM, lb/d 0.00  
 Cost for excess walking, ECM, lb/d -0.26  
 Cost of maintenance, ECM, lb/d 0.00  
 Lactation stage parity adjustment, ECM, lb/d -0.87  
 \$ to milk protein produced/CP consumed 0.26  
 Observed feed conversion, ECM/DM 1.41  
 Adjusted feed conversion, ECM/DM 1.43  
 \$ milk revenue generated per lb feed cost (adj) \$2.59  
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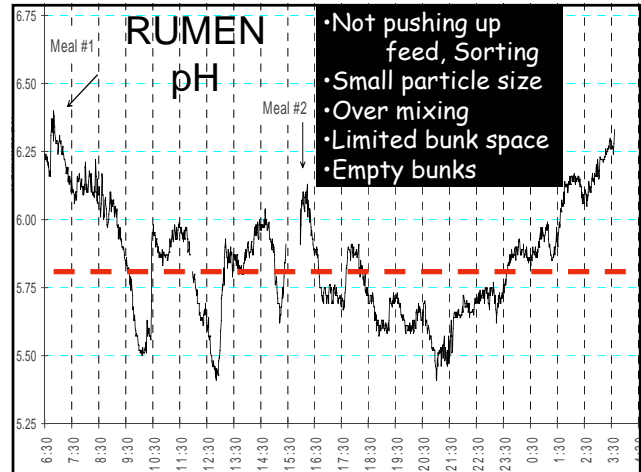
## How Can We Alter Feed Efficiency Nutritionally?

1. High quality forages
2. High digestibility feeds
3. Selection of CHO and N sources
4. The key is to balance rumen fermentation to optimize nutrient use and microbial protein synthesis



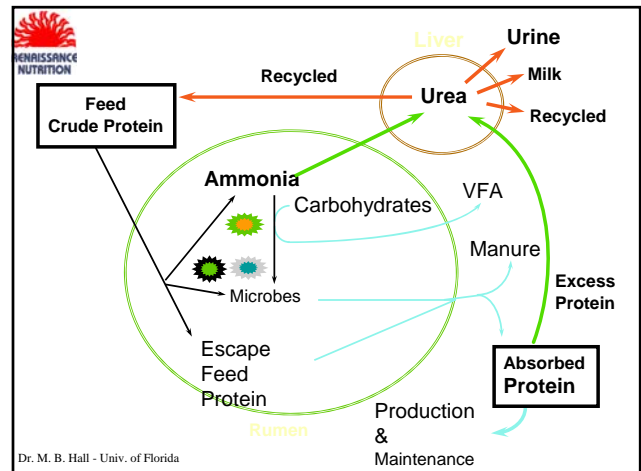
## Ration Digestibility & Feed Eff.

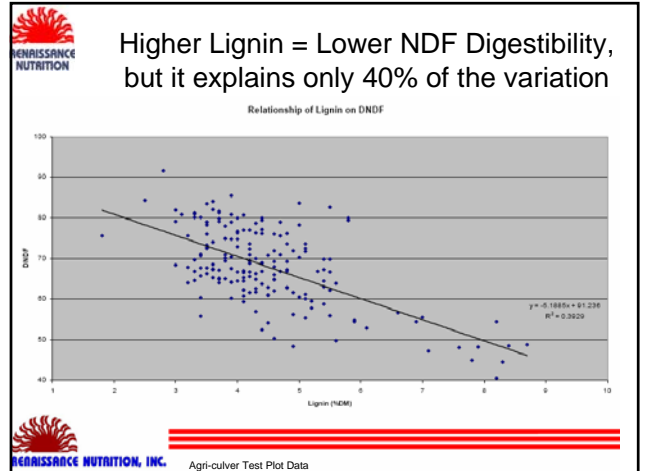
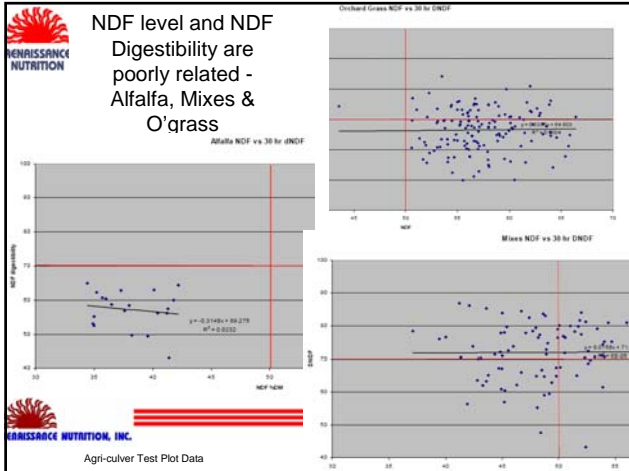
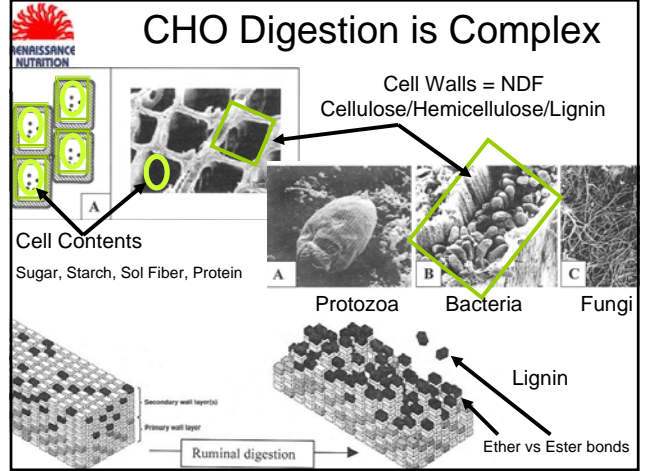
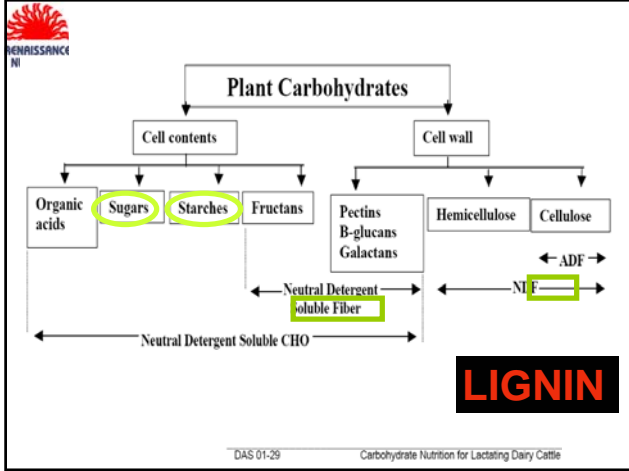
- “Forage quality is the single most important factor that affects ration digestibility”
- “Balanced rations that are higher in forage and lower in starch generally result in a healthier rumen environment and less acidosis potential”
- “An unhealthy or acidic rumen environment results in poor digestion and feed efficiency”

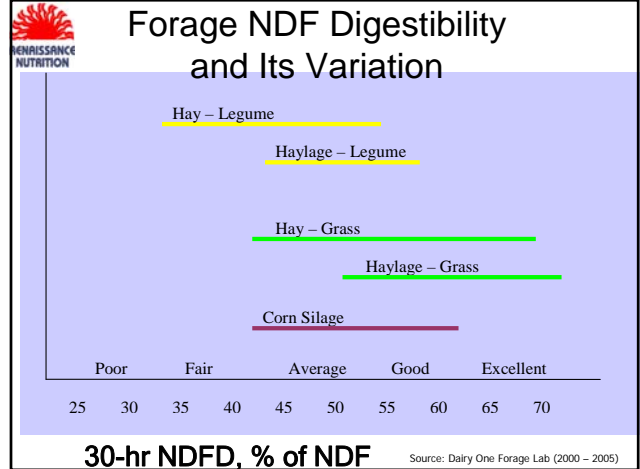
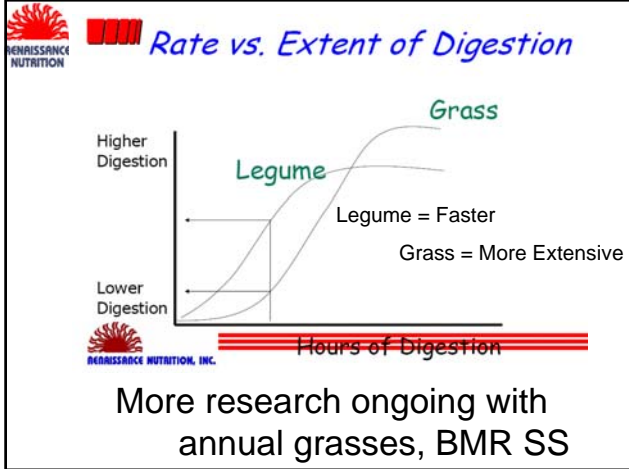


## PSU Rumen Video

- Rumen motion
- Rumen mat “float”
- Healthy rumen papillae
- Absorbing nutrients
- Fiber and grain in balance







**RFQ vs RFV**

- Relative forage Quality vs Relative feed Value
- Digestibility estimate included in RFQ
- More correctly credits value of grasses

**NDF Digestibility**

- 1% increase in NDFD = 0.44 # more DMI = 0.55 # more 4%FCM  
↳ Oba and Allen 1999
- WA Cows > 92 # milk + 1 % more digestibility = 1.41 # Milk Production
- NE Research
  - < 55 # - little response
  - 55-70# + 3 to 8# milk
  - >75 # + 8 to 20# milk
- Feed higher NDFD forage to Hi producers, fresh and close up cows

**Variety Selection**

**CornPicker® for Silage**  
v. 1.04  
Mike Allen  
Department of Animal Science

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

CornPicker® for silage is an Excel spreadsheet that calculates a partial budget for the effect of a change in corn hybrids for silage on farm profits by comparing one hybrid (Challenger) to another (Defender, your current favorite or a reference standard). The calculations include only those costs and returns that change in response to the corn hybrids being compared and ignores those that are

**Milk 2006 University of Wisconsin Corn Silage Ev:**

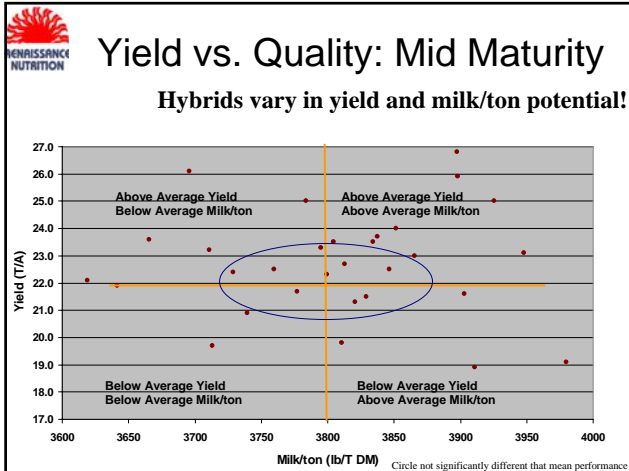
Randy Shaver, Dept. of Dairy Science      Patrick Hoffman, Dept. o  
Joe Lauer, Dept. of Agronomy      Sample values entered here must correspond to th  
Jim Coors, Dept. of Agronomy      Information entered in "Starchheadcode" worksheet

Field ID	Lab ID	Kernel Processed	KPS %	DSA %	IS-IV %	DM %	CP % DM	NDF % DM	NDFD % DM	Starch % DM	Ten Index lb./ton DM	Acra Index lb./acre
"normal"	L001	no				35.0	8.8	45.0	52	27.0	3273	22910
1	L002	yes				35.0	8.8	45.0	52	27.0	3273	22910
#3	L003	no				35.0	8.8	27.0	52	35.0	3526	24690
#4	L004	no				35.0	8.8	50.0	52	27.0	3116	21804

**CS Milk/Ton PSU/PDMP**

Example Selection Report  
Average Across 3 Locations, 111 - 115 Day Hybrids 2005 PSU/PDMP

Rank (value)	Milk/Ton lbs/ton Statistical Relevancy	NDFD30 % Rank (value)	Yield tons/acre Rank (value)
1 (3765)		22 (48)	7 (21.8)
2 (3760)		26 (47.6)	22 (20.2)
3 (3757)		10 (48.7)	5 (21.9)
4 (3719) Garst		7 (49.1)	27 (19.6)
5 (3715)		11 (48.7)	6 (21.8)
6 (3689)		3 (49.6)	28 (19.4)
7 (3669)		42 (46)	4 (22)
8 (3664)		37 (46.5)	11 (21.5)
9 (3664) Mycogen		24 (47.7)	12 (21.5)
10 (3662)		29 (47.4)	38 (18.7)



**PDMP/PSU 2005**  
**Corn Silage trials**  
111-115 RM 3 location average

- Highest NDFD30 %: Mycogen 7512
- Highest NDFD30 #/acre: Mycogen T25694
- Highest yield/acre: Mycogen T25694
- Top 10 Milk/Acre: Mycogen 2T780 (starch); Mycogen T25694 (NDFD30)



## World Forage Super Bowl 2006

- *Grand Champion Corn Silage (BMR)*
- **Mycogen F2F797** - Pine Tree Dairy
- Milk/Ton 4219
- *Grand Champion (Non-BMR) Corn Silage*
- **Mycogen TMF 2N422** - Autumn Vista Dairy
- Milk/Ton 4184
- 8 of top 10 Non-BMR winners were Mycogen

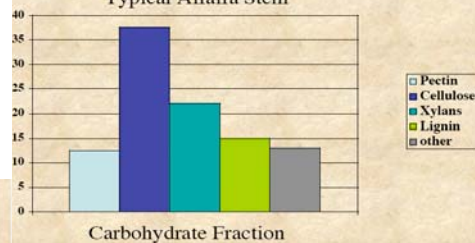


## World Forage Super Bowl 2006

- *Grand Champion Dairy Hay*
- **Mycogen 4A421** - Mike Beun
- RFQ 314
- Milk/Ton 3790
- *Grand Champion First Time Entrant Hay*
- **Garst 630** - Hard Rock Farms
- RFQ 316
- Milk/Ton 3692



Typical Alfalfa Stem



### Cell Wall Model

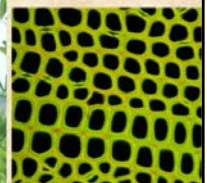
- Complex matrix of polysaccharides
- Cellulose synthase genes have been identified



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## Increased Cellulose Increase Stem Digestion

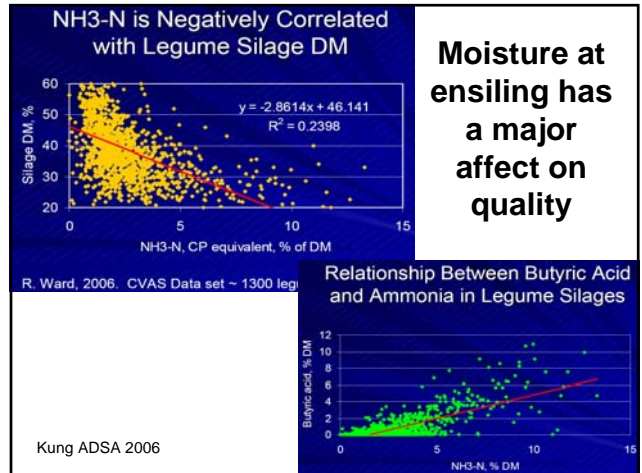
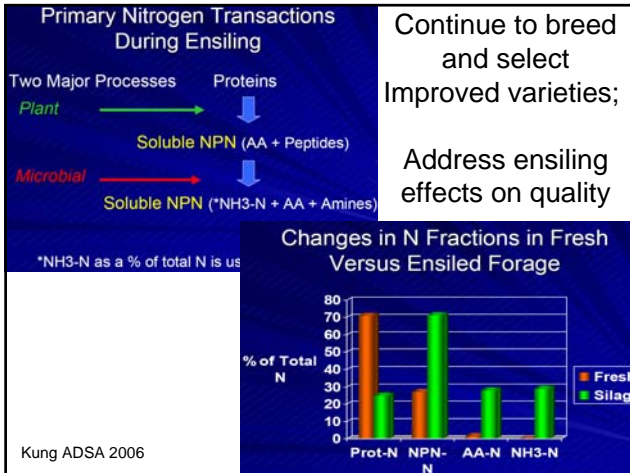
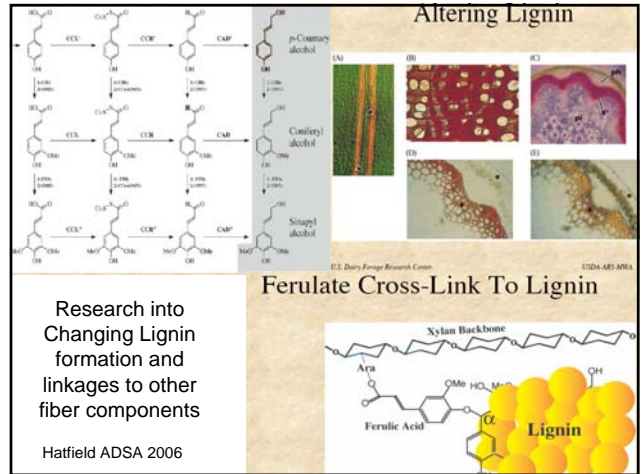
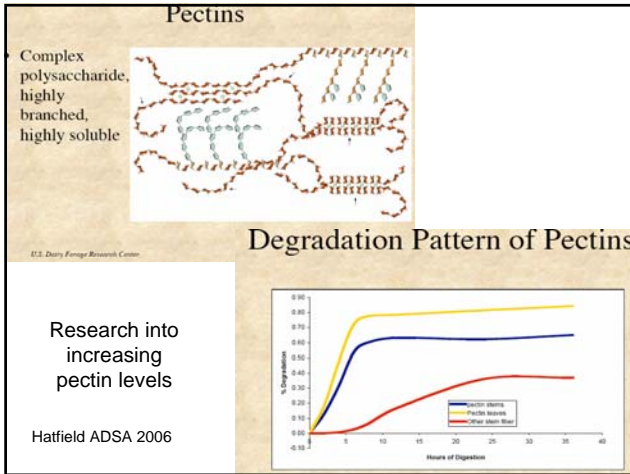
- Increase in cellulose should provide more degradable cell wall
- Increase in cellulose should not decrease stem strength



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USDA-ARS-MWA

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CUMBERLAND VALLEY ANALYTICAL SERVICES, INC.			August 31, 2006	
PO Box 669 Maugansville, MD 21767 301-790-1980		Sample No : 622905		
Acid Detergent Fiber	10.3	43.8	% DM	
Neutral Detergent Fiber	13.9	59.0	% DM	
Lignin / NDF Ratio		11.8		
Crude Protein	3.2	13.6	% DM	
NDF 30 hr digestibility		39.4	% NDF	
Ash	3.9	16.6	% DM	
pH		5.7		
Lactic acid	0.2	0.8	% DM	
Acetic acid	1.07	4.56	% DM	
Butyric acid	1.38	5.86	% DM	
Ammonia		63.0	% CP	
Moisture	76.4		%	
Dry Matter	23.6		%	
Sample		: RYE SILAGE		

## Methods to Decrease the Extent of Proteolysis During Ensiling

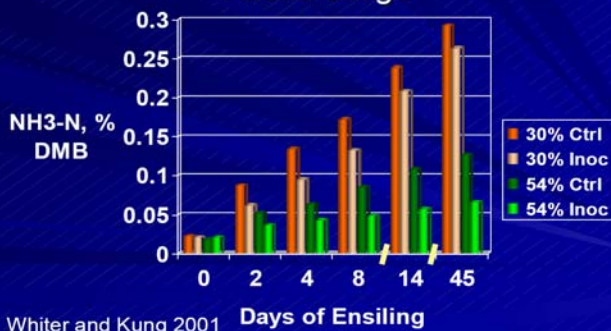
- Restricting fermentation
  - fast wilting to attain 40% DM (wide swath)
  - acidification (not practiced in US)

## Methods to Decrease the Extent of Proteolysis During Ensiling

- Additives
  - treatment with acids
  - ammoniation
  - microbial inoculation
  - exogenous protease inhibitors: experimental only

Kung ADSA 2006

## Example of the Effect of DM and Microbial Inoculation on Accumulation of NH<sub>3</sub>-N in Alfalfa Silage



Whiter and Kung 2001

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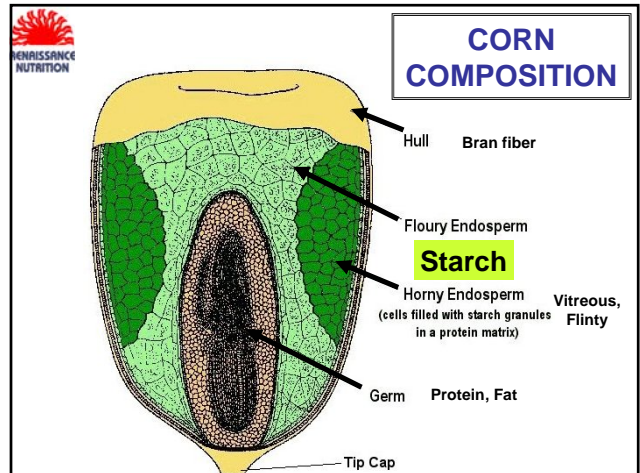
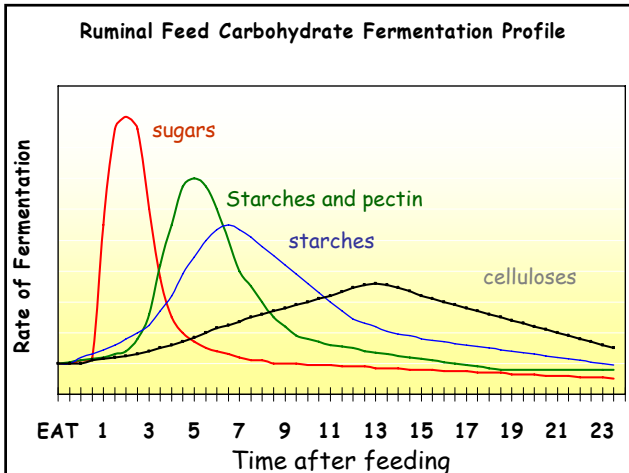
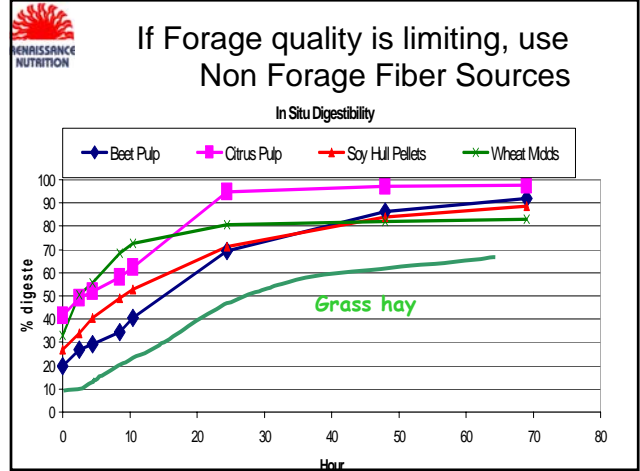
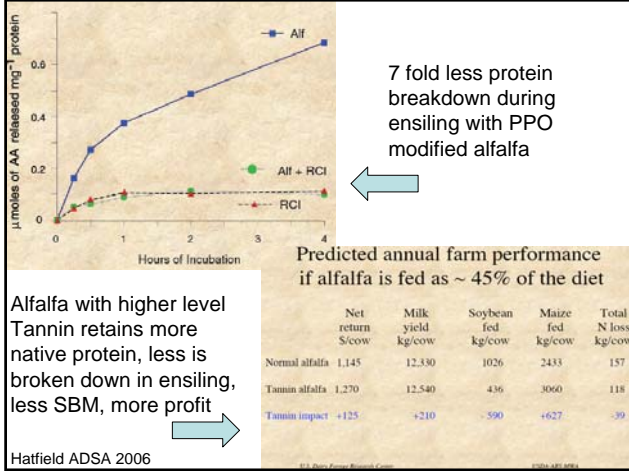
- Plant modification
  - Polyphenol Oxidase System
  - Low Levels of Tannins

## Polyphenol Oxidase (PPO) System

- Red clover has up to 90% less proteolysis than alfalfa during ensiling (Jones et al., 1995, 1996)
- Alfalfa lacks significant levels of endogenous foliar PPO and diphenols




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**Starch Availability Field Tests**

**Weigh** Flinty, Vitreous 58-62# Bu Wt      Floury 54-56# Bu Wt

**Look –**  
Paint Chip



**Feel** Sandy/Gritty, clean hand      Floury/Talcum, white hand



**Corn Source Example**

- Knowlton et. al., Va Tech - 2002 Mid-lactation cows, Rations were 61% forage
- 25% starch; dry,ground vs steam-flaked corn

**Steam Flaked Corn:**

- Similar milk production (70-75 lbs.) but lower DMI; Higher Feed Efficiency (1.4 vs. 1.35)
- Increased ration DM and starch digestibility
- Lower MUN's; Decreased N excretion
- Lower rate of ammonia emission


**Lab Digestibility<sub>DSA</sub> - Degree of Starch Access** Shaver NRAES

- Test Sample “as is” - unground, undried
- Water, buffer, enzyme heat, stir, test it
- Express “available” starch to total starch
- Compare DSA to “in the cow” digestion = Starch Digestibility<sub>DSA</sub>

Starch Dig <sub>DSA</sub>	Reference
> 96	Very high
93 – 96	High
90 – 93	Medium
< 90	Low

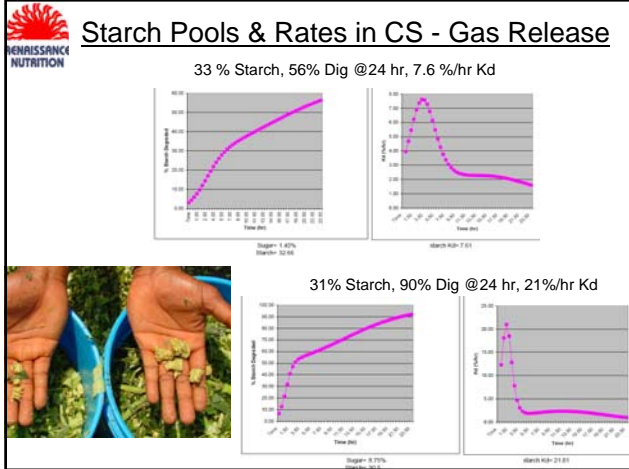
**Dry Corn Range**    98 very fine grind vs 84 cracked corn @ 10 # grain = 3 # milk

**Corn Silage Range**    98 vs 80 @ 15# CS DM = 2.5# milk



**Other Lab Tests**

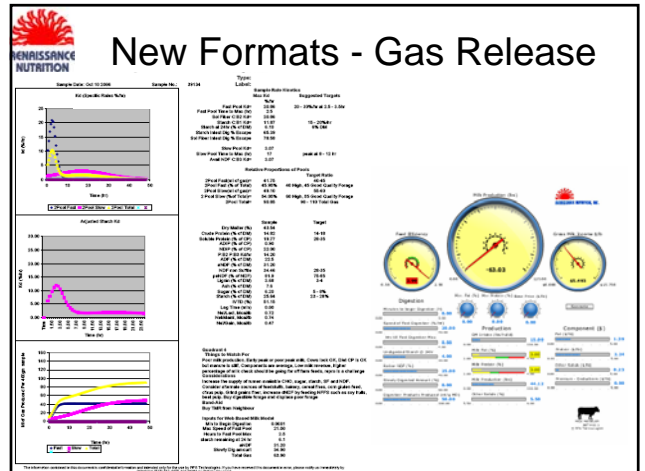
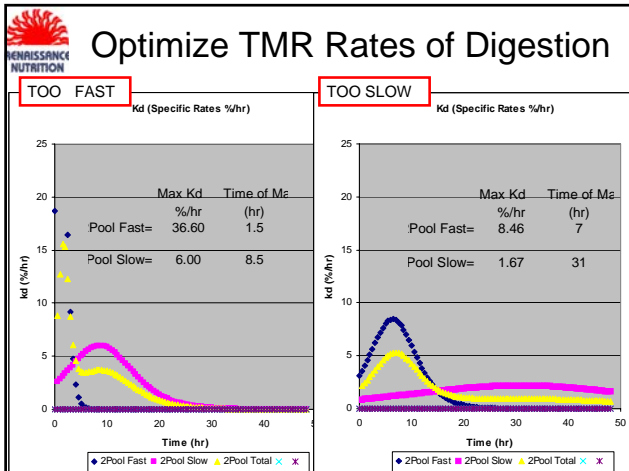
- DairyLand – In Vitro Starch Digestibility
- CVAS – Enzyme available starch (CPM utility evaluation in progress)



### Optimize Yield & Components

Ingredient	Total = NDF + A2 + B1 + B2		B1 = Starch		A2 = Sugar			
	NDF = B3 + C + NDIP		B2 = Soluble Fiber		Carbohydrate Fermentability			
	%DM	lb	%NDF	lb	%B1	lb	%A2	lb
Corn Silage	44.79	4.48	39.11	1.63	87.65	1.76	87.65	0.39
Mixed Silage	34.69	5.10	42.98	2.95	88.09	0.98	88.09	0.64
HM Corn	59.66	9.57	35.33	0.77	81.55	8.60	81.55	0.07
Citrus Pulp Grnd	56.19	2.56	35.29	0.31	88.49	0.04	84.33	1.02
Soybean ML 47.5 Solv	25.85	0.57	42.90	0.06	78.32	0.23	78.32	0.25
Grass Hay	41.69	0.56	45.53	0.34	88.72	0.02	88.72	0.15
AlfHay 20Cp37Ndf17LNDf	39.18	0.53	26.69	0.12	86.89	0.02	86.89	0.27
Dairy Supp 022403	6.26	0.17	0.00	0.00	70.39	0.14	0.00	0.00
Ration	44.44	23.53	36.19	6.18	82.73	11.78	85.43	2.80

Adapted from Van Soest  
 Fermentable >35%  
 Cho=42-44% of DMI 20-22% of DM 6-10% of DM 4-6% of DM



## Estimating Nutrient losses with CPM; P & N Balance Tab

**CPM Dairy Ration Analyzer v3.0.8**

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Imperial As Fed

LACTATING: BW=1620 lb, Growth=0.17 lb/d, Milk=85.00 lb, Fat=3.80%, P=3.15

Fraction	Phosphorus		Nitrogen	
	g/d	% Intake	g/d	% Intake
Intake	87.4	100.0	639.7	100.0
Growth	0.5	0.6	1.8	0.3
Pregnancy	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
Milk	38.5	44.1	204.8	32.0
Urine	1.5	1.7	176.9	27.7
Feces	46.9	53.7	256.0	40.0
Manure	48.4	55.4	432.8	67.7

P or N efficiency = 100 - % Intake value

Ex: 100 - 67.7 = 33.3% N Eff

100 - 55.4 = 44.6% P Eff

Feed Name	Amount	Feed Name	Amount	Feed Name	Amount
CrnSilUp35Dm41Nd1Crse	45.000	CrnSilUp35Dm41Nd1Crse	30.000	CrnSilUp35Dm41Nd1Crse	67.377
MixSil18Cp48Nd12LNdf	0.000	MixSil18Cp48Nd12LNdf	50.000	MixSil18Cp48Nd12LNdf	20.000
AlfSil25Cp39Nd15UNdf	45.000	ComGrainGndMed	11.000	ComGrainGndMed	4.953
ComGrainGndMed	12.000	CanolaMealSolv	2.000	CanolaMealSolv	4.000
SoybeanM47.55olv	2.250	SoybeanHullsGnd	2.000	SoybeanHullsGnd	3.692
ComDistEthanol	2.500	CitrusPulpDry	2.000	CitrusPulpDry	3.539
Turbo Meal	4.500	Turbo Meal	2.500	Turbo Meal	2.759
BloodMeal	0.400	SoybeanM47.55olv	4.000	SoybeanM47.55olv	1.570
		BloodMeal	0.250	ComHornlyHIFat	1.529

**Met E & P Tab**

Item	Value	Item	Value	Item	Value
Diet CP	19.8 % DM	Megalac	0.400	Diet CP	16.4 % DM
RDP	63.9 % CP	Diet CP	18.5 % DM	RDP	58.9 % CP
RDP	12.6 % DM	RDP	64.3 % DM	RDP	9.7 % DM
Soluble Protein	40.4 % CP	RDP	11.9 % DM	Soluble Protein	30.1 % CP
Predicted PUN	23 mg %	Soluble Protein	33.4 % CP	Predicted PUN	18 mg %
Predicted MLN	19 mg %	Predicted PUN	21 mg %	Predicted MLN	15 mg %

**P & N Tab**

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Nitrogen Eff = 27.9      Nitrogen Eff = 29      Nitrogen Eff = 32.4

## Cornell N Excretion Calculator

**HERISSANCE NUTRITION**

Herd totals

Item	lb	Proportion
Home raised N	41425	63.2% home raised
Purchased N	24172	36.8% purchased
Milk N	15103	91.6% of total product
Preg. N	225	1.4% of total product
Gain N	1159	7.0% of total product
Total Product N	16488	
Product N / Intake N (Efficiency)		25%
Efficiency goal		> 35%
Total N excreted (whole herd)	48952	74.5% of total N intake
Urinary N, lb.	21025	
Fecal N, lb.	27927	

Estimated % urinary N in manure N  
lactating cows, 40-50%; heifers and dry cows, 35-40%

N volatilized in barn total (lb) 3,008  
N volatilized in barn daily (lb) 11

Estimates of % of N in manure that is volatilized on the barn floor

Scrape interval, hr	Barn temperature, degrees F			
	68	Annual	50	40
6	10	4	1	0
12	19	8	2	1
24	35	16	5	2
48	38	20	10	5
72	39	22	14	6

## Prediction of urine N (Feed N - Fecal N - Milk N) from dietary CP concentration and milk urea output

**P. Huhtanen 2003**

Urine N = -188 + 9.7 Milk Urea (g/d) + 2.27 CP (g/kg DM)  
se. est = 21.3

$R^2 = 0.8724$

Observed Urine N (g/d)

Predicted Urine N (g/d)

Huhtanen ADSA 2006



## Not Just Lactating Cows; Heifer Ammonia Emissions

- Dairy heifers (James et. al., 1999)
- Decreased ration N by 14%
- Decreased N in manure by 13%
- Decreased ammonia emissions by 28%

Dr Heinrichs will report on restricted feeding heifers and improved feed efficiency at this meeting



### Grain Processing



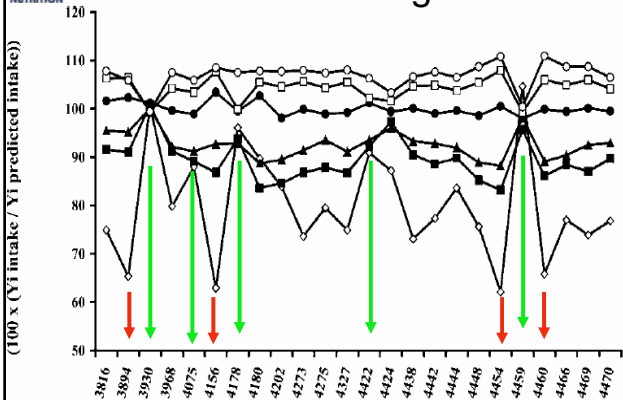
Moisture, particle size, heating, flaking affect rate

### Forage Harvesting Storage & Processing

### Mixing & Feeding Management



## Individual Sorting Behavior



## WAYS TO IMPROVE FEED EFFICIENCY

- ✓ Minimize Feed Wastage at the Bunk
- ✓ Minimize Birds, Pests and Parasites
- ✓ Minimize Illness and Disease
- ✓ Minimize Feeding Spoiled or Low Digestibility Feeds
- ✓ Proper Feed Processing
- ✓ Extended Day Lighting
- ✓ Grouping Heifers Separate from Cows
- ✓ Balancing diets for amino acids
- ✓ Monensin
- ✓ Improve Trace Mineral Status
- ✓ rbST, Yeast Culture, Cow Comfort



## What happens to manure N? (% of excreted N)

- Lost as ammonia (20-40%)
- Taken up by plants (20-40%)
- Lost via nitrate leaching (10-20%)
- Lost via denitrification (3-5%)
- Immobilized by soil microorganisms (?)

Powell ADSA 2006

### Dairy management impacts on Milk N : Manure N Ratio

Management practices that increase production may increase N use efficiency

Herd size impacts on milk production and feed N use efficiency (FNUE)  
54 Wisconsin dairy farms

Lactating cows/farm	Milk Production (kg/cow/d)	FNUE (%)
1-29	20.0c	18.2c
30-49	27.4b	24.2b
50-99	29.7b	26.6b
100-199	33.1ab	24.3b
200+	38.7a	32.6a

Larger farms (adopted more management tools ?) had improved N use efficiency

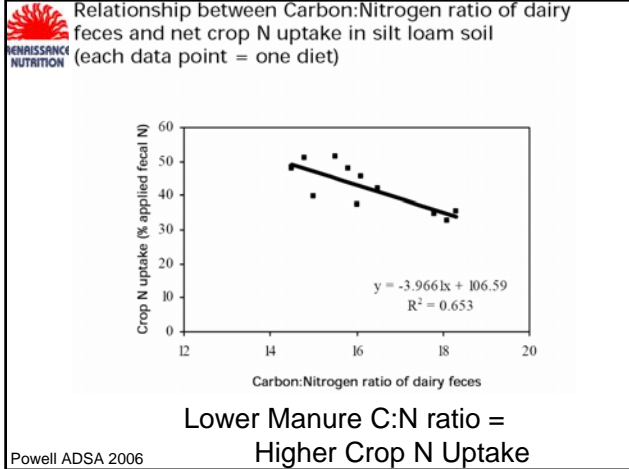
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### Herd size differences in manure collection on 54 Wisconsin dairy farms

More Manure is collected in free stalls

Larger farms are collecting more manure

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Lower Manure C:N ratio = Higher Crop N Uptake & *Feeding affects C:N ratio*

Feed components		TC	TN	NDF	NDIN	C:N
LCP=15.1%	LCP HF	451	27.0	571	6.5	17.8
HCP=18.4%	HCP HF	447	29.4	564	7.3	14.7
HF NDF=36%	LCP MF	462	27.6	538	6.6	16.0
MF NDF=32%	HCP MF	453	29.4	599	7.8	16.5
LF NDF=28%	LCP LF	457	28.6	526	6.6	11.7
	HCP LF	460	30.5	512	5.06	14.5

Feed components		TC	TN	NDF	NDIN	C:N
CS= Corn Silage	CS LP	448	28.4	570	8.3	15.5
AS= Alfalfa Silage	CS HP	454	28.2	537	6.4	14.8
	AS LP	444	24.4	545	4.8	18.3
LP= 16.7%	AS HP	439	24.4	561	5.3	18.1
HP= 17.8%						

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- ### Cornell Whole Farm Study
- Central NY free-stall dairy herd
  - 1997 to 2002
  - This herd was used as a case study by our Cornell Nutrient Management group
  - Shifts have been made in crops grown, forage storage, rations and feeding management practices

### Whole Farm Case Study

	1997	2002
Milk cows	408	544
Milk, lbs/cow	67	74
Calv. Int., mo.	13*	12.8
Age, 1 <sup>st</sup> calv	22.6*	21.5
Cull rate, %	42.2	23.3
Purch. Feed, \$/cow/day	2.13	1.28

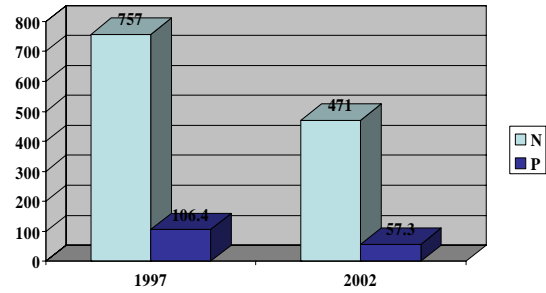


## Whole Farm Case Study

	1997	2002
Ration, % homegrown	42.9	59.1
N purch., %	81	51
P purch., %	78	47
N eff., %	19	25
P eff., %	25	35

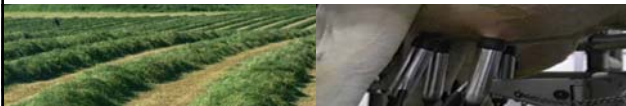


## Nutrient Excretion, lbs./cow/year



## Nutronomy Goals

- Optimize DM Intake, milk yield & components
- Optimize forage intake, control costs
- Ensure adequate fiber mat & cow health
- Balance carbohydrate and protein fractions
- Optimize fermentation & rumen bug protein
- Increase feed efficiency & minimize environmental loss and waste



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