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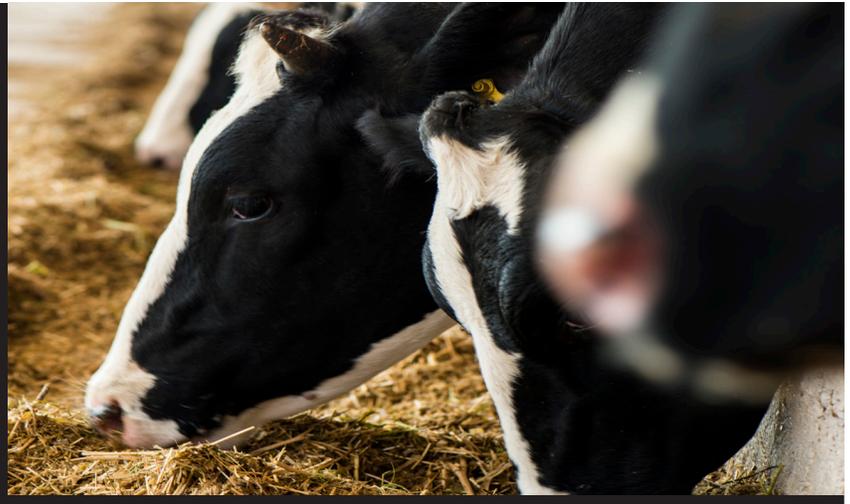
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## EXPLORING FORAGE ALTERNATIVES

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Many farms are faced with a forage deficit this year due to alfalfa winter kill and the cool, wet spring we experienced. Developing a plan to ensure you have adequate feed amounts for all your animals is highly recommended.

The place to start is to measure existing forage inventories on your dairy. The next step is to estimate expected forage that will be harvested between now and winter. You can then predict how much forage you will need based upon the number and size of animals you have, and the amount of forage you are planning to feed.

Finally, you should look at the difference between those two numbers and then work with your nutritionist to figure out the best way to close the gap. Our nutritionists at CP Feeds have the expertise and software to help you pull these numbers together. If you need help with this process, please call one of them to schedule an appointment.

One of the ways to create more available forage is to consider harvesting forage sorghum or sorghum/sudangrass mixtures. These forages can provide a consistent form of digestible fiber and energy. They usually produce large quantities of forage in a short time frame. The BMR varieties can successfully be incorporated into lactating diets. In addition, forage oats can be planted after wheat or on prevent plant acres. This works well as long as we have enough moisture after it has been planted. There may also be a harvest opportunity if you're able to partner with farms that planted these alternative forages on their prevent plant acres.

A second option is to consider feeding additional by-products that can replace some forage dry matter. These include cottonseed, soy hulls, corn gluten feed, or malt sprouts. It is recommended that if you wish to go this route that you consider contracting your needs with the feed mill as soon as possible. We expect the usage of these products to increase, since many dairies are affected by the forage shortage and thus the price will likely increase. Please call the feed mill for pricing and further information on contracting.

A third option to consider is Purina Total Calf Ration (TCR) for young calves from birth to 300 pounds of age. This is a complete, pelleted forage and grain product. Hay savings of 240 pounds of hay per calf can be expected when fed up to 300 pounds of body weight.

For lactating animals, dry cows and larger heifers, Purina has a forage extender called WI Forage Metapro Extender. It is 16% crude protein and can be fed up to 6 pounds per head per day. It is a source of digestible fiber designed to help support high milk production through consistency. It is easier to handle than cottonseed. In addition, it is free from mycotoxins. A custom forage extender is also a possibility if more than 6 pounds per head per day is required.

Every farm will have a different plan depending on their specific situation and needs. We encourage you to have this conversation with your nutritionist sooner rather than later. Remember that a little planning will help to ensure your feed needs are covered through to next harvest.

## COUNTRY VISIONS AND CP FEEDS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Country Visions Cooperative and CP Feeds presented 20 scholarships to graduating seniors this spring. The students were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education at a college, university, technical or vocational school. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

This year's recipients of the Country Visions/ CP Feeds scholarship included:

- Josie McDaniel, Brillion High School
- Tyler Schmidt, Brillion High School
- Brooke Cooper, Campbellsport High School
- Gabriel Goebel, Campbellsport High School
- Kaianne Hodorff, Campbellsport High School
- Nick Narges, Campbellsport High School
- Maycie Navis, Cedar-Grove Belgium High School
- Karissa Juckem, Chilton School
- Jesse Meyer, Coleman High School
- Elizabeth Ziegler, Fond du Lac High School
- Shalome Stettbacher, Horace Mann High School
- Alex Anhalt, Mishicot High School
- Megan Junk, Mishicot High School
- Kyle Krcma, Mishicot High School
- Elizabeth Bertram, New Holstein High School
- Brianna Breunig, Oostburg High School
- Alex Loefer, Reedsville High School
- Rebecca Wilke, Sevastopol High School
- Lindsey Brunmeier, Valders High School
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## YOUTH PROFICIENCY AWARD PROGRAM UPDATES

Hard-working 4-H and FFA exhibitors enjoy many benefits from taking part in local, state and national shows. CP Feeds and Country Visions Cooperative have teamed up once again to offer the Youth Proficiency Award Program as an additional way to recognize the time and effort 4-H and FFA members put into preparing their animals. Some modifications have been made to the program for 2019:

- To simplify the program, there is only one form to fill out. It is not necessary to track placings throughout the show season.
- This program is available to Junior Exhibitors that feed Purina Animal Nutrition feed, Country Visions' manufactured feed or CP Feeds' manufactured feed.
- The Junior applicant must be an active and participating member of 4-H or FFA.
- Each applicant may be awarded for a maximum of 4 animals. Each animal will be awarded only once.
- To receive an award the applicant must: lead/exhibit the animal; submit a photo with them their animal and ribbon from the fair/show; submit a copy of an invoice showing where you bought your show feed; and complete the award application.
- Maximum payment of \$200 per exhibitor per show season.

For a copy of the rules and application, visit [www.cpfeds.com](http://www.cpfeds.com). Materials can be found under the Youth Proficiency Award tab. Applications are due by October 15, 2019.