



This bloke's Hay Quality Literally Ran Away with Him.... don't let it happen to you!!!

Hi there, just had to pass this on to you as we look forward to forage season.

I guess it's not real, but they sure went to some trouble to stage it up.

On a slightly more serious note regarding forage conservation, it's worth considering a couple of things that may impact on silage and hay this year as a result of the great rain fall we have had this year.

We look like getting fabulous growth this season, and just how much benefit we can capture from the season is likely to be driven by how successfully we can capture and conserve that growth and quality for use across this season and maybe even next season.

Here is a comment on both silage and hay that I give with the benefit of some experience.....

In silage:

When cutting silage the plan should always be to cut early and cut for quality.

The moisture level of the soil this season will make wilting silage a bit more challenging this year. That is still no reason to have long delays in silage cutting, and then big drops in forage nutrient quality that sacrifice milk production or growth.

Even more moist silage with lower dry matters can be handled if you consider **SILOGUARD** usage. **SiloGuard** stabilises silage, prevents microbial spoilage and allows you to manage silage at higher moistures. As a preservative rather than a live inoculant it carries out this quality preservation even in tough conditions that will limit the ability of live inoculants to multiply and provide benefit.

This year in particular **SiloGuard** may be the product of choice for silage.

In Hay:

The normal challenges of drying hay down to allow safe baling may be even more difficult this year. The very rains that are producing a cracking spring growing season may get in the road of hay curing. We may get short periods between rain events to cure hay. We will probably also have impacts on hay curing from the high soil moisture levels sweating the windrow and making reduction in hay moisture hard to achieve.

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Remember that **SILOGUARD** and **HAYGUARD** allow you to safely bale hay at higher moistures whilst still controlling the microbial impacts that cause hay heating, hay fires and hay turning to “black spot” as it virtually composts in the bale.

This has great relevance every year in southern parts of Vic, SA and of course Tas. This year Northern areas may also see great advantages in the use of a tool of this nature that will allow safe preservation of higher quality hay.....not to mention the longer baling hours and logistical benefits that can ensue to the man doing the baling.

I have been around this hay and silage game for a lot of years now. If I can be of assistance, or offer advice to any one on matters in this area, you have only to ring and ask. I will help wherever I can. Please don't be afraid to ask, an experienced second opinion can be really valuable at some critical times, and may save a heap of money and heartache.

Good luck in the upcoming season, I hope that you and your clients all get a heap of high quality silage and hay put away that can set you up for a great season to come.



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