Managing forages and nutrients go hand in hand

Every spring brings new challenges. This month’s The Manager recaps some of the challenges crops faced last year, and looks forward to new opportunities this year. Cornell’s Larry Chase, Quirine Ketterings and Karl Czymmek provide a post mortem analysis of corn silage and nitrates in drought conditions. Quirine Ketterings and Karl Czymmek review how corn is a luxury consumer of nitrogen, and how extra nitrogen applied can end up in the environment. Bill Cox and Phil Atkins observed corn emergence and yield when planting in April two days before a snow storm. Quirine Ketterings, Tom Kilcer, Shona Ort and Karl Czymmek review how double cropping winter cereals yields triple bottom line. On-farm planting triticale to increase forage per acre are profiled on Van Slyke’s Dairy, Mapview Dairy and McKnight’s River Breeze Farm. Recently retired Cornell Cooperative Extension agronomy and field crop specialist Lisa Fields profiles nutrient use at EZ Acres and Spruce Haven dairies. Finally J.H. Cherney and D.J.R. Cherney provide alfalfa fall harvest guidelines.

Herd Health and Nutrition Conference

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The Herd Health and Nutrition Conference provides an opportunity for dairy producers, veterinarians, feed industry representatives and agriservice personnel to increase their knowledge of current herd health and nutrition management techniques while interacting with other professionals. The format will be a combination of PRO-DAIRY’s Fall Dairy Conference and Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance’s Ruminant Nutrition Conference. Topics and speakers include:

- Recent Research on Hypocalcemia and Immunity – Dr. Jesse Goff, Iowa State University
- Group Feeding of Calves – Dr. Michael Capel, Perry Veterinary Clinic
- Economics on the Farm – Jason Karszes, PRO-DAIRY Program at Cornell University
- Advances in Corn Silage – Dr. Randy Shaver, University of Wisconsin.