

## HERDS FEEDING HIGHER FORAGE RATIONS

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The trend in New York is for herds to feed higher levels of forages in their rations. One thing that has been done is to obtain rations from herds feeding higher forage rations. Table 1 contains the rations from a few of these herds. The goal is to provide an index of the variation that exists in the forages used in these programs. These herds use several forage types in their rations.

**Table 1. Rations from Herds Feeding Higher Forage Ratio**

Item	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Milk, lbs.	95	80	80	75	88	78	90	85	100	85
Forage, % of DM	62.5	62	82	69	64	60	61	67	62	66
NDF, %	31.7	37	36.9	36	33	32.3	34.2	34.5	32	30.7
FNDF, % of NDF	82	79	95	78	88	85	78	75	80	78
FNDF % of BW	0.99	1.02	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.86	1	1.16	1	0.94
Corn silage, % of DM	42.8	14	47	44	23	27	30	36		43
Legume silage, % of DM	17.7	23						30	25	23
Mixed silage % of DM			31	23.5						
Grass silage % of DM					39	33	31			
Small grain silage, % of DM		23								
Dry hay, % of DM	2	2	4	1.5				1.5	2	
Straw % of DM					2					

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