

**CROP NOTES for August 11, 2009 – Pricing Hail Damaged Silage**

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**FYI, Addition of Two More Items on the HAIL DAMAGE Website:**

**Pricing Hail Damaged Silage (posted on the website Aug 9, at the top of the Hail Damage page)**

Dr. William Edwards posted a corn silage pricer spreadsheet (Excel file) to help price hail damaged corn silage. This is a modification of the standard corn silage pricer spreadsheet which allows for separate inputs of grain or forage yields. For actual tonnage (silage yield) in a field, the only good way to estimate it is weigh or record the tonnage when it is harvested.

**Impact of Defoliation on Corn Forage Quality (posted last week, at the bottom of the Hail Damage page)**

This is research during 2 years at 3 locations where corn plants were defoliated by hand (zero to 100% defoliation) at 4 different maturity stages (V7, V10, R1, R4), grown to maturity and tested for forage quality. It provides the best forage quality estimates we have regarding hail damaged corn for silage.

**The Hail Damage page URL is:**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/info/haildamage.htm>

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