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Corn Silage Production for Beef Cattle Producers, Part 2

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In March 2013, a program was held to help producers make decisions about producing corn silage including agronomic aspects of growing corn silage, variety selection, and economics of using corn silage in beef cattle rations. A second program has been developed to help producers understand how to effectively utilize silage in their operations.

Proper harvest, storage, and feeding techniques of silage are vital to the successful use of silage in cattle rations. Improper moisture levels at harvest, inadequate packing, and mismanaging the silage feeding face all reduce silage quality and reduce expected animal performance.

Feeding the correct amount of silage is important for managing cattle performance and providing economically viable rations to beef cattle. Silage can be an excellent supplemental feed, but intake must be controlled in most beef cattle feeding situations.

The follow-up program has been scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2013 at the Windsor Livestock Auction in Windsor, MO beginning at 7 p.m. The program topics are "Harvesting and Storing Quality Silage", and "Utilizing Corn Silage in Beef Cattle Rations". Speakers include Dr. Tony Rickard, MU Extension Dairy Specialist at Cassville, MO and Gene Schmitz, MU Extension Livestock Specialist at Warsaw, MO.

The program is free and open to the public. If you have questions about the program, contact me at the Benton County Extension Center at (660) 438-5012. University of Missouri Extension is an equal opportunity / ADA institution.