

### **Farmer to Farmer forage website**

A cooler and wetter than normal 2013 spring has resulted in delayed planting for many of Wisconsin's corn growers. Average first frost dates will leave some corn fields not physiologically mature and a crop still high in moisture. Those late planted acres may serve the dairy & livestock industry well, utilizing late planted acres as silage or high moisture corn, thereby reducing costs for corn growers associated with drying, storage, transportation and marketing.

The Farmer to Farmer Corn and Forage Website is probably best thought of as an electronic neighborhood bulletin board which allows local farmers to get in touch with one another. The website facilitates the local marketing of feed commodities where livestock producers in need of high moisture corn, corn silage, hay, or straw can easily make contact with corn sellers that have feed commodities for sale. The site developed and supported by UW-Extension can be found at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu>.

The Farmer to Farmer Corn and Forage List is free of charge for both buyers and sellers. Users can search for, or list for sale, high moisture corn, corn silage, corn grain, haylage, hay or straw. Buyers can search for farmers in just one Wisconsin county or in any number of counties at once. This site has been an excellent way for buyers and sellers to get in-touch locally. Neighbors often within short distances have been able to buy and sell as a result of the website. All transactions and negotiations are handled directly between buyers and sellers.

People who wish to use this service but do not have access to the Internet can get access and assistance at their county UW-Extension office.

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