

**THE WATERDOWN REVIEW**

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**ABOUT ENSILAGE CORN**

**Choose Best Varieties For Live Stock Fodder.**

**Should Ripen at Least a Few Ears—  
The Grain Is Nourishing—Frozen  
Corn Preferred to Immature—  
Harvesting Root Crops.**

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The highest grade of corn silage is made from those varieties of corn that produce a large proportion of grain in the total weight of crop. Large growing southern varieties of dent corn that give an immense green weight of fodder per acre will as a rule produce a very poor silage under Ontario conditions. Many dairymen prefer flint varieties and the smaller stalk varieties of early maturing dents for silage purposes. From such a rich sweet silage can be made. The weight per acre may not be nearly as great as with the late maturing large growing dents, but when the silages are compared on the digestible dry matter basis the smaller growing earlier maturing dents and flints have the advantage. **Use Corn Ripening Some Ears.**

The experience of the past has shown that only such varieties as will ripen at least a few ears should be used. In early years of silo experience in Ontario the practice was to grow big corn. Little attention was paid to the grain yield; much poor silage resulted from the twelve to fourteen-foot stalks that went into the silo without the very necessary two pound well glazed ear. Hard experience has demonstrated that there is more milk, beef or butterfat in a cubic foot of silage made from corn that would husk out one hundred bushels per acre, than from a corn crop that consists of big juicy stalks only.

**The Best Varieties.**

Golden Glow, Essex Dent, Wisconsin 7, Baily, North Western Dent, Compton's Early, Longfellow, Salzer's North Dakota and King Philip are varieties well suited to Ontario conditions. These varieties will ripen in the southwestern counties of Ontario, and they will generally reach the roasting ear stage over the greater part of the dairy section of the Province. The greatest quantity of digestible dry matter is to be obtained from a corn crop when it has reached the condition to cut for husking, ripe enough to complete maturity in the shock. Another advantage in growing the earlier maturing varieties is that such can be ensiled early in September and the land prepared for autumn wheat, an important factor now that the European Corn Borer has become a menace to corn growing.

**Frozen Corn Preferred to Immature.**

The freezing of corn after it has reached the denting or early glaze stage does not materially injure in so far as silage making goes. It is always advisable to run the risk of frost, rather than ensile the corn in an immature state.—L. Stevenson, Sec. Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto.

**U. S. Senator Gore on the Farmer.**

The farmer cannot continue to sell his produce for less than the cost of production any more than he could live in a vacuum. Out of the reduced proceeds of what he sells, the farmer is obliged to pay extraordinary prices for everything that he buys. I believe that our national progress and prosperity are bound up with the progress and prosperity of our farmers. Any policy which crucifies the farmer will bear evil fruit, and will dry up the fountains of national prosperity.

**Utilizing Unmarketable Potatoes.**

Unmarketable potatoes add succulence to the dairy ration. Where corn silage is not available and there are plenty of small potatoes, a peck a day will give an increase in milk flow. They should be introduced into the ration gradually and be run through a root cutter to avoid the possibility of choking the animal.

**Few Roads.**

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