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## Wouldn't it be nice if corn silage contained more protein!

This year's corn crop looks like it's going to be a silo buster. Unfortunately, the relatively low protein content of corn silage (i.e. 8 % on a dry basis) limits the percentage that can be used in cattle rations. Feeding programs for dairy cows, growing cattle, finishing cattle and mature beef cows frequently contains corn silage. While corn silage is an excellent source of energy, the low protein limits its use. If we increase the use of corn silage than we have to compensate by feeding more of a higher protein ingredient. This drawback limits the use of our home grown feeds and our profitability. How nice would it be to finish cattle on corn and corn silage plus a vitamin and mineral mix? With today's beef prices, this would be a real money maker.

The good news is that there is a way around this dilemma. You can treat your corn silage with LSA 100 and increase the protein from 8 % to about 13 %. The other good news is that treating corn silage with LSA 100 is considered by many scientists to be a preferred method of feeding urea vs. feeding dry urea in a grain mix. This is because LSA treated corn silage has urea uniformly mixed through. In addition, urea is better utilized by the cow if it has gone through fermentation and had silage micro-organisms utilize it in the fermentation process. Finally, the protein in LSA treated corn silage is very rumen available and will compliment a bypass protein such as distiller grains.

If this newsletter has generated interest in treating your corn silage with LSA-100 than please call us for a quote.

