

Harvest Safety Infographic



Though weather can't be controlled, farmers must manage the environment in which the corn crop is harvested and stored. To ensure the highest-quality grain, follow these steps:

1. Dry quickly, cool quickly
2. Drop storage moisture percentage
3. Get corn out of the field fast
4. Plan ahead for potential challenges

Depressed commodity prices aside, the corn crop continues to be a bit of a Cinderella story. Even with this year's cold, wet start, many areas now have healthy plants with the promise of good yields.

TOP SOYBEAN HARVEST TIPS:

1. INSPECT MACHINERY IN ADVANCE
2. SCOUT FIELDS BEFORE HARVEST
3. CAREFULLY MONITOR MOISTURE CONTENT TO STOP SHATTER LOSSES
4. GET LOW, STAY LOW
5. ADJUST ON THE GO
6. CONSIDER HARVESTING CORN FIRST
7. SCREEN YOUR BEANS
8. STAY SAFE - CONSIDER SAFETY ISSUES AND EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS BEFORE HARVEST

5 additional tips for a SUCCESSFUL corn silage harvest:

1. Estimate silking dates
2. Monitor moisture levels
3. Revisit safety training
4. Prepare equipment
5. Select inoculant

* Getting a head start on inoculation can help a silage grow the highest volume of the best quality corn silage out of the field.

ELBURN COOPERATIVE PREPARES FOR HARVEST

THE U.S. FARMER TODAY FEEDS
AN AVERAGE OF

155 PEOPLE.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE YOUR
HARVEST MORE BOUNTIFUL.

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To ensure great corn silage, harvesting at the correct maturity is key. The three steps to do this are:

1. Identify and record the date each field tassels
2. Prepare in advance for the actual harvest
3. Evaluate the total plant moisture of each field at approximately 35 days post-tassel

CORN SILAGE HARVEST PREP:

Some of the most critical items that need to be addressed include:

- Repair and clean the silage structure and/or access area where silage will be placed
- Make sure harvest equipment is in good repair, especially chopper, kernel processors, trucks, wagons, and pack tractors
- Use a high-quality, crop-specific, research proven inoculant
- Get needed supplies including plastic and enough tires to cover and seal the finished pile of bunker quickly
- Ensure there are enough qualified people to get the job done quickly and correctly

As long as we have the sunlight. Between now and when they begin to shut down, I see no reason why the beans shouldn't finish in the "good" range and the corn in the "excellent" range across the board.