

AFAC News Line # 3 – Livestock Owners Take Note: Feed Quality Extremely Variable – Barry Yaremco – November 17, 2011 – Audio Clip Transcriptions

Audio 1 (13 seconds)

“The first cut hay in areas where it was either cut a month late or they cut it on time and they turned it three or four times before they finally got it baled. That forage quality is down considerably from the average.”

Audio 2 (20 seconds)

“Protein levels instead of being 12-13% on an Alfalfa grass hay are typically in the 8-9% range which will be borderline to deficient depending on the stage of production for the animal. The other thing we are finding is the neutral detergent fibre of the forages is much higher than normal; it’s up around the straw area.”

Audio 3 (19 seconds)

“Use a probe, get a representative sample. If you want a second opinion on what the feed test mean or how to interpret the results or need help formulating a ration again you can ask for help at the AG Info Center. The phone number to get a hold of one of the livestock specialists is 310-3276.”

Audio 4 (20 seconds)

“This winter just because you see that there is a bale of hay in front of your stock and it looks like everything is good, they’re eating it and there’s lots of feed available, does not mean that they are actually consuming the amount of groceries that they need. And they could be losing either a pound or a pound and a half a day in weight. 60-100 days later you’re in a real mess.”