

## Let's Talk Fungicides on Alfalfa & Silage Corn

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Fungicide application has become a common practice on alfalfa and silage corn. In addition to the benefits of reducing disease on the crop, some research has shown that quality parameters of the finished feed might also be improved, resulting in added return on investment. This presentation will look at research conducted in Wisconsin on the application of fungicide to alfalfa and silage corn. Data will be presented from small and large plots and the benefits and drawbacks of fungicide application.



Dr. Smith earned a B.S. in Biology from the State University of New York and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from North Carolina State University. His research interests focus on the biology, epidemiology, and management of field crop diseases. His research also focuses on developing and improving disease forecasting systems that can be used to accurately advise fungicide applications. Dr. Smith's extension efforts focus on generating, evaluating, and disseminating solutions to many of the disease problems associated with field crops such as soybeans, corn, wheat, and alfalfa. Dr. Smith works closely with county extension agents, crop advisors, agribusinesses, and commodity groups to improve the management of the major diseases affecting field crops.