

Using silage pit as feeding table



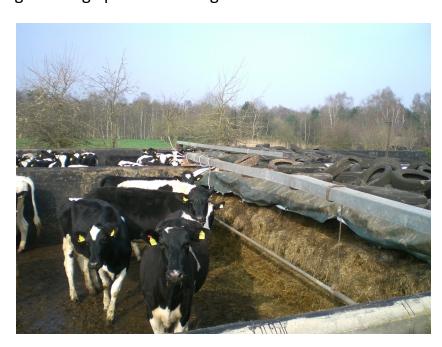


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1 Description of the innovation



Instead of feeding the herd twice a day, the cows are fed directly using the silage pit as a feeding table.



Much time needed for feeding the herd in addition to milking time. In order to lower labour time and costs, the feeding process is minimized. There is no feed-mixer needed. The silage pit is directly offered to the cows. In order to adjust the feed supply, the silage pit is opened slightly more day by day.



Low costs in feeding



² Farm description

ENVIRONMENT

Soil type 1: Peat

Climate - Temperate Oceanic Climate

GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT

Grazing: Yes

Grazing management type—continous stocking

STRUTURE

Agricultural Area: 245 ha

Permanent grassland area: 197ha

Arable land area: 52 ha

Average stocking rates:

- Agricultural area 1.59 LU/ha
- Grassland area 1.97 LU/ha

Animal Performance

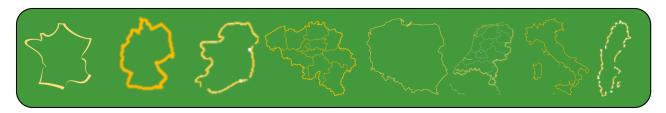
Cows: 275

Breed type 1: HF

WHY IT IS WORKING

Regarding costs, this system is really efficient, since there is no feed-mixer needed. Labour costs are also low. This technique saves money and time which is really helpful for the small amout of workers on this farm.

Country shapes



Domains of innovation



Machinery, tools



Forage mixture



Forage conservation technique



Grazing management system



Legume management



Animal feeding management



Animal type (breed)



Product processing



Marketing



Farm system



Landscape

Main types of animal









