



Feed Grain Evaluation for Lactating Dairy Cows

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Starch Digestion



Ruminal Starch Digestibility (% of intake)



Source: Ferraretto, 2011, UW Madison, M.S. Thesis

Primary Factors: Influencing Starch Digestibility in Feed Grains

Processing i.e. Particle size; Steam Treatment Harvest/Storage i.e. Dry vs. HMC DM of HM/Maturity; Fermentation Time

Endosperm Type i.e. Prolamin; Prolamin-starch matrix; Hardness

Measuring Starch Digestibility in Feed Grains is Very Confusing!



Measurement approaches have not been integrated



Prolamin

FeedGrainV2.0 : Step 1 : Determine Mean Particle Size



- ASAE Methods (2008)
- 14 Sieves + Pan
- Available @ Commercial Labs
- Shake 10 m + tapping

Caution: On farm determination of high moisture corn (wet) MPS results in a large overestimation of MPS (> 500 um)!

Corn Grain MPS - DRY



Source: Ferraretto, 2011, UW Madison, M.S. Thesis

Starch Digestibility vs Corn Grain MPS - HMC





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FeedGrainV2.0 : Step 2 : Classify Corns as Fermented or Unfermented



- Dry vs high moisture is abandon
- Ammonia (NH₃-N) is used
- Dry corn has no NH₃-N
- Unfermented corn has no NH₃-N
- Fermented corn has 1.0- 7.0 % of total N as NH₃-N
- NH₃-N is a marker of intensity and
- duration of fermentation
- Eliminates arbitrary classification of HM corn (i.e. 22 % moisture?)

Advantage: NH₃-N is accurately and economically predictable by NIRS!

FeedGrainV2.0: **Step 3 : Measure grain particle bonding strength or weakness**

Starch Granules

Unfermented = Prolamin proteins



Fermented = Ammonia (NH_3 -N)



In unfermented (dry) corns > prolamin proteins = > bonding of starch

In fermented (HM) corns > NH_3 -N = < bonding of starch.

Same hybrid harvested as Snaplage or HMC



Ammonia = 6.0% of CP Kernel MPS = 1456μ

HMC

Ammonia = 1.8% of CP MPS = 1335 μ



Grain Particles Completely Opaque

Grain Particles Still Translucent

FeedGrainV2.0 : Step 4 : Calculate Effective Mean Particle Size

Unfermented = Prolamin proteins

Fermented = Ammonia (NH_3 -N)



What is Effective Mean Particle Size (eMPS)?

A visual example



MPS means: The physical size of the particle eMPS means: The effective size of the particle at which it ferments in the rumen

What is Effective Mean Particle Size (eMPS)?



Wisconsin researchers observed that **eMPS** is better related to fermentation potential as compared with **MPS**. (Hoffman et al., 2012)

eMPS integrates the primary factor of MPS, plus secondary chemical or nutritional factors that also influence starch digestibility

eMPS = 4000 um eMPS = 920 um



MPS vs Fermentation Potential Hoffman et al., 2012







Effective MPS vs Fermentation Potential Hoffman et al., 2012



FeedGrainV2.0 : Step 5: Do the math

Fe	ed Grainv2.0 Evaluation Syst	em		Extension	
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	University of Wisconsin-Madison, ² Mertens				
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	High Moisture Ear Corn	Snaplage	Snaplage		
	Whole Corn (Unprocessed)				EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND DISCOVERY
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b	Drv Matter	DM	% as fed	85.0	WC
	Mean Particle Size (*Examples below)	MPS	microns	850	ASAE
	Starch		% of DM	70.5	NIR
	Crude Protein	СР	% of DM	9.1	NIR
	NH ₃ -N (**Examples below)		% of CP	0.0	NIR
	Prolamin Protein (***Examples below)		% of DM	4.0	WC
	Neutral Detergent Fiber	aNDF	% of DM	9.0	NIR
	Fat		% of DM	3.6	NIR
_	Ash		% of DM	2.3	NIR
Ou	tput				
	Moisture		% as fed	15.0	C
	Effective Mean Particle Size ²	eMPS	microns	867	С
	Starch Fermentation Rate (As Fe	d) kd	%/hour	19.4	С
	Ruminal Starch Digestibility	RSD	% of starch	56.5	С
	Starch Digestibility (Total Tract)	TTSD	% of starch	93.2	С
	Non Fiber Carbohydrate	NFC	% of DM	76.7	С
	Nonstarch NFC		% of DM	6.2	C
	Total Digestible Nutrients, 1X	TDN	% of DM	86.2	С
	Net Energy Lactation, 3X	NEL	Mcals/lb	0.88	С
	Net Energy Maintenance	NEM	Mcals/lb	0.94	С
	Net Energy Gain	NE _G	Mcals/lb	0.64	C
	Metabolizable Energy, 3X	ME	Mcals/lb	1.37	C
	Relative Grain Quality	RGQ		150	С

11/2011 Marshfield Lab sample – Fresh 2011 Harvest

Feed Grainv2.0 Evaluation System								
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University of Wisconsin-Madison, ² Mertens Innovation & Research, LLC.								
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Input								
Dry Matter	DM	% as fed	78.0	WC				
Mean Particle Size (*Examples below)	MPS	microns	1082	ASAE				
Starch		% of DM	71.3	NIR				
Crude Protein	СР	% of DM	8.8	NIR				
NH ₃ - N (**Examples below)		% of CP	0.0	NIR				
Prolamin Protein (***Examples below)		% of DM	3.9	WC				
Neutral Detergent Fiber	aNDF	% of DM	7.8	NIR				
Fat		% of DM	3.2	NIR				
Ash		% of DM	1.4	NIR				
Output								
Moisture		% as fed	22.0	С				
Effective Mean Particle Size ²	eMPS	microns	1087	С				
Starch Fermentation Rate (As Fed) ³	kd	% /hour	17.4	С				
Ruminal Starch Digestibility	RSD	% of starch	53.9	С				
Starch Digestibility (Total Tract)	TTSD	% of starch	92.5	С				

11/2011 Marshfield Lab sample - Fermented 2010 Harvest

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1 00		Input categories are shown in red. Output values are shown blue						
Item		Abbreviatio	on Unit	Result	Method'			
Inp	ut							
-	Dry Matter	DM	% as fed	55.4	WC			
	Mean Particle Size (*Examples below)	MPS	microns	847	ASAE			
	Starch		% of DM	71.2	NIR			
	Crude Protein	СР	% of DM	7.7	NIR			
	NH ₃ -N (**Examples below)		% of CP	6.7	NIR			
	Prolamin Protein (***Examples below)		% of DM	2.5	WC			
	Neutral Detergent Fiber	aNDF	% of DM	4.5	NIR			
	Fat		% of DM	3.8	NIR			
~	Ash		% of DM	1.4	NIR			
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	Moisture		% as fed	44.6	С			
	Effective Mean Particle Size ²	eMPS	microns	215	С			
	Starch Fermentation Rate (As Fed) ³	kd	% /hour	40.0	C			
	Ruminal Starch Digestibility	RSD	% of starch	77.1	С			
	Starch Digestibility (Total Tract)	TTSD	% of starch	97.0	C			

Dry Corn Simulation Feed Grainv2.0 Evaluation System

Total Tract Starch Digestibility



Dry Corn Simulation Feed Grainv2.0 Evaluation System

Ruminal Starch Digestibility



Dry Corn Simulation Feed Grainv2.0 Evaluation System

Ruminal Rate of Starch Digestion



HM Corn Simulation Feed Grainv2.0 Evaluation System

Total Tract Starch Digestibility



HM Corn Simulation Feed Grainv2.0 Evaluation System

Ruminal Starch Digestibility



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Ruminal Rate of Starch Digestion

2% 4% **6**%

5% Ammonia % of CP



28

1500

MPS, microns

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