SILAGE CALENDAR

Silage is a year-round project

WINTER RAINFALL AREAS	ACTIONS		SUMMER RAINFALL AREAS
January	Crop and cultivar selection		**July**
February	Receive seed and fertiliser		**August**
March	Soil preparation		**September**
April	Planting		**October**
May	Planting		**November**
	Silage contracting or equipment quotes		
		Harvest-time grass silage	
June	Plastic sheeting, wrap, or silobags procurement		**December**
	Silage inoculant procurement		
July	Coordinate all involved parties, products, and equipment		**January**
	Appoint persons responsible		
		Harvest-time grass silage	
August	Prepare ensiling areas or bunkers		**February**
	Decide silage harvesting specifications		
	Evaluate when crop will be ready		
September	Harvest-time oats	Harvest-time grass silage	**March**
		Harvest-time maize	
October	Harvest-time oats	Harvest-time maize	**April**
		Harvest-time feed sorghums	
November	Harvest-time grass silage	Harvest-time feed sorghums	**May**
	Ensure silage is closed properly and remains closed		
December	Evaluate and analyse silage		**June**

This calendar is not meant to reflect every single action or to provide exact information for all areas and crops, but rather to serve as a general guide to the actions required and to drive home the concept that silage is a year-round project and is not confined to harvest month.

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