SILAGE PRE-SEASON CHECKLIST

Questions for your contractor or machine operator

	Y/N	Target	Comment
Are the cutting blades new/ sharp?			
Can chopping length be adjusted?			
Chopping length adjustment range			
Target chopping length			
Is a corn-cracker fitted?			
Is it functioning correctly?			
Are you able to adjust it?			
Target corn cracking setting			
Is the machine fitted with an applicator?			
Is the applicator adjustable?			
Inoculant supplied?			
Type of inoculant?			
I will supply my own inoculant			
Do you know how much inoculant is applied?			
Target application rate			
How is “empty-tank” monitored?			
How will the inoculant be stored?			
Type of silage storage system planned?			
For bunkers and drive-over-piles:			
How many trailers?			

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Distance from fields?			
Type of pushing/spreading tractor?			
How many compaction tractors?			
Target number of tractors			
Weight of compaction tractors?			
Extra weights/water in wheels?			
Target total weight of tractors			
Lunchtime spare drivers for compaction?			
Have the covering sheets been ordered?			
Are you using oxygen barrier or regular sheets?			
Size of sheets			
Number of sheets			
Target dimensions of the bunker or pile			L:_____ W:_____
Does it fit?			
How will sheets be joined?			
Will you use top-layer treatments?			
How will top-layer treatments be applied?			
Target cutting stage (DM%)			
How will you measure DM%?			

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