

## Looking Forward to Corn Silage Harvest

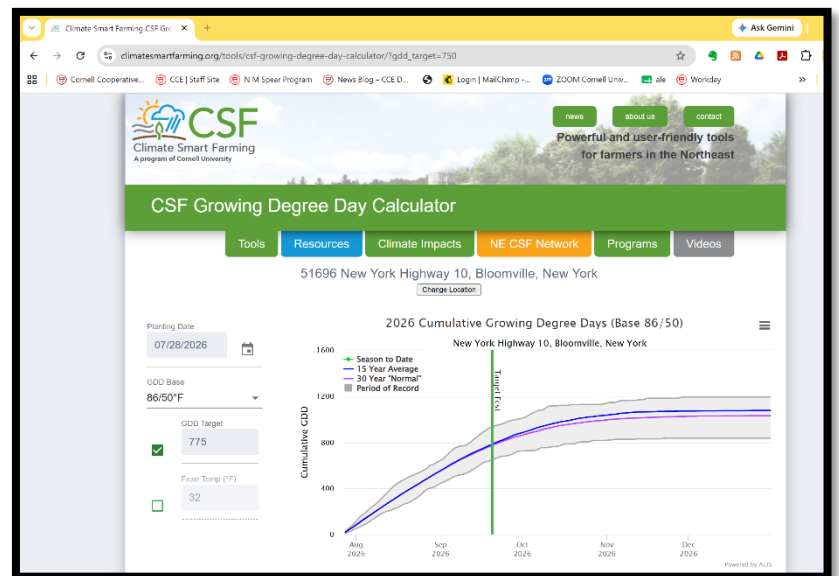
Corn may only have just passed knee-high, but it's not too early to start thinking about corn silage harvest. It's too early to know what the fall will bring, but being prepared is the best way to find success.

**Start by recording tasseling / silking date:** You can get a good early guess at when a field will be ready for silage harvest by looking at Growing Degree Day accumulation from tasseling. Corn needs about 750-800 GDD from silking to reach silage harvest. The Cornell Climate Smart Farming web site has a useful tool for this.

<https://climatesmartfarming.org/tools/csf-growing-degree-day-calculator/>

- Select your farm's location on the map
- Set the "Planting Date" to your silking date
- Select the 86/50 method
- Set the target at 750 to 800 GDD

The site updates with each day's weather, so you can go back as time goes by and see how your harvest prediction changes. You'll still need to do some dry matter samples to make a final harvest timing decision, but this will give great early prediction.



We will be watching the corn, the weather, and the predictions, and we will schedule Corn Dry Down Days just prior to harvest time.