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Storage of the film

The film should be stored in dry conditions, ideally at temperatures between 5°C and 18°C.

Film reels must be protected against light and UV-radiation.

The film must not be stored close to radiators or any other heat-emitting source.

The reels of film must be stored in their original packaging until directly before use.

Mown grass

The remaining grass stubbles should be long enough to ensure the grass does not become soiled during the mowing process – leave a minimal length of 5cm.

Allow the mown grass to wither well. Ensure a minimum dry matter content of 30% to 40%.

To achieve high nutritional content the grass should not be allowed to become too old before cutting.

Compressing the grass

The compression of the withered grass is critical for the quality of silage. We recommend following the instructions carefully to achieve best results.

Drive slowly over the swathe.

Bales must be compressed uniformly and thoroughly. Ensure that the bale is deaerated. Residual oxygen in the bale will cause mould.

Do not use any sisal hemp twine for tying or any twine that is chemically treated. The use of such twine can lead to the disintegration of the film.

Preparing the bale wrapper

Take care of a flawless constitution of the bale wrapper, especially the pre-stretch unit.

The pre-stretch drums must at all times not be contaminated. It may not show any sign of damage such as edges that could injure the film.

The pre-stretch drums must be absolutely parallel to each other.

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Pre-stretch the film 55% to 80%. The unit must provide a centred run across the bale.

The film layers must overlap at least 50% in order to provide two layers of film after one complete rotation of the bale.

Wrapping the bales

The bales must be wrapped as soon as possible after compressing the grass.

Wrap your bales in less than two hours in case of temperatures higher than 20°C, three hours in case of temperatures of 15° to 20°C and four hours in case of temperatures of less than 15°C.

6 layers of film are the required minimum on one bale. In the case of occurring window effect the wrapping has to continue until no more windows are to be seen.

High temperatures of more than 28°C may affect the film's performance negatively which makes adjustments of all wrapping parameters necessary.

If you intent to feed the silage to sheep or horses we recommend the following: dry matter content of at least 40% but no more than 60%, high compression density of the bale, no remaining oxygen in the bale and 8 layers of film around one bale. The film must lie tightly against the surface of the bale.

Hollow spaces between film and bale must be avoided under all circumstances.

Storage of the bales

Whenever possible store the bale on the front side (flat side). If the dry matter content of your bale is up to 40% do not store more than two bales on top of each other. The site of storage must be dry and clean. Avoid presence of vermin. Check the film regularly for damage. If there is damage deal by gluing on UV-resistant patches. Wherever possible choose a place for storage that has no direct sunlight. Shadily storage space is the best. Do not store bales for two summer periods. Some chemicals such as fertiliser, herbicides and mineral oils will accelerate the film's disintegration. Avoid contact of the film with such materials under all circumstances. Contact points of two bales may lead to differences in temperature and consequently to the condensation of water. To avoid this effect bales must be stored separated. Make sure the film does not get injured during transport. Use only suitable means of transport.

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Complaints

If contrary to expectations you experience problems while processing our film we need to be informed immediately (within 24 hours after a problem occurs). For further handling it is necessary that we receive a completely filled complaint-sheet via email, letter or fax. You find the sheet on our website www.bsk-lakufol.de. You also can request one directly from us.