



EXPERIENCE CAREERS IN DAIRY UNIT

Crop Specialist Discussion Guide

Name: Answer Key

- What crops are produced on this farm?
Corn, grass hay, wheat, sorghum Sudan grass and sunflowers
- What are the jobs that this crop specialist performs for his employer?
Work with customers like these farmers; make cropping recommendations on fertility, hybrid selection and herbicide use; maximize yields and grow quality forage for dairy farms to make milk and keep healthy cows
- Name some types of feed storage a farmer uses to store his or her crops.
Bunk or trench silos, upright silos, wrapped round bales or hay (baleage), ag bag, dry storage, dry stacking and grain bins
- What are the advantages to using bunk or trench silos for feed storage?
Quick; get a lot of tons into it; most efficient and cost effective; fast feed storage
- When is the crop specialist busiest with his job?
Beginning of April until mid/end of July
- What is the favorite part of this crop specialist's job?
Working with the customers and seeing their successes
- Name some of the challenges to being a crop specialist.
Stressful times of the year, in springtime trying to get crops in the ground, weather does not want to cooperate (too much rain, not enough rain and getting winded out) and different financial situations of the customer

