

# Alkastraw

## Producing Alkastraw®

Alkastraw is produced by mixing Home n’ Dry pellets with the combinable ready cereal crop, quickly releasing ammonia to produce an alkaline, stable, high fibre forage with increased protein content.

- ✓ Ensure the grain is fully mature before harvest.
- ✓ Make sure that the bags are knocked before use.
- ✓ Extra Home n’ Dry on the top of the clamp will protect against moisture under the sheet.
- ✗ Don’t spray off an under ripe crop.
- ✗ Don’t consolidate the clamp, as the ammonia gas needs to circulate throughout the clamp.
- ✗ Don’t harvest any green material - sugars present will cause an adverse reaction in the clamp.

Dry Matter %	Application Rate Kg/T
81 - 85	40
75 - 80	45

*\*If dry matters are out of these parameters please contact FiveF for advice*

### PROCESSING

- ✓ A clean, dry store is required with plastic to seal the sides and top.
- ✓ Pick up the swath with the forage harvester.
- ✓ Level out a weighed trailer load of straw onto a clean floor and add the correct Home n’ Dry quantity as a top dress.
- ✓ Fill the clamp in shallow, flat layers.
- ✓ Push into store, sheet and seal away from rain and water.
- ✓ Lightly weigh down the sheet.
- ✓ Leave for a minimum of 3 weeks before opening.
- ✓ Once opened protect the open face from long exposure to rain.

On our website you can find guidance videos of Alkastraw production from field to clamp.

**If you have any technical and/or nutritional queries, please contact your supplier or one of the FiveF team.**