

ART AND SCIENCE OF HAYMAKING

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In 2007, Kentucky was chosen as one of three states to participate in the making of a movie on Quality Haymaking. Case IH Agriculture in an effort to better serve their customer base and the forage industry invested resources to produce, edit and distribute a DVD on Quality Haymaking. A national project coordinator was hired who in turn contracted with a film company. When we were contacted and learned it was not going to be a commercial for any one brand or product, we agreed to participate.

I, along with Texas A & M's Dr. David Bade and University of Idaho's Dr. Glenn Shewmaker were asked to comment on the "Science" side and nominate producers to address the "Art" side of haymaking. I nominated several top producers from Kentucky and Mr. John Nowak, from Christian County, was selected along with hay producers from Texas and Idaho. Filming occurred during 2007 and the DVD was released in spring 2008. The DVD has been released to Case IH distributors nationwide.

My thanks to Mr. John Nowak for taking time out of his "haymaking" schedule to participate in this project.

An now, "The Art & Science of Quality Hay".