**Exercise 7**

**Silage Production – Review Questions:**

**April 10, 2013**

1. What is silage, and why is it made? Discuss two advantages and two disadvantages of making silage?

2. What was your treatment? What were the characteristics of your silage (i.e., physical appearance,

smell, color) after it had ensiled for 7 weeks? What do these characteristics tell you about the

environmental conditions of your silo?

3. Did your silage have DM loss? How much? Why does DM loss occur when making silage?

* List 2 ways in which DM loss occurs.
* How can DM loss be reduced?

3. What was the pH of your silage? What does this indicate about fermentation conditions and

microbial populations in your silage?