Hay Storage Fire Prevention Guide

A hay storage fire prevention guide with ordered steps for monitoring bale moisture, heat, stacking, and spacing so stored hay does not heat and ignite.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Cure hay before storing
2. Check moisture with a probe
3. Stack with air space
4. Store away from other buildings
5. Watch for odor or steam
6. Monitor stack temperature
7. Know what to do if heat rises
8. Call the fire department early
9. Record checks in a notebook

YOUR NOTES

TIP If a stack smells hot or musty, call the fire department before pulling bales apart, since fresh air can cause flare-ups.