Forage Analysis Interpretation Guide

A guide to reading a forage analysis report from a lab. Producers use it to understand each section and turn the results into feeding decisions.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Confirm lot, date and sample ID
2. Check the basis (as fed or dry matter)
3. Review moisture and dry matter
4. Look at protein and fiber results
5. Read energy estimates and how they were found
6. Note minerals and any flagged items
7. Compare results to animal needs
8. Discuss rations with your nutritionist

YOUR NOTES

TIP Keep reports from past years so you can compare lots and see how weather affects forage quality.

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