Hay Probe Sampling Guide

A guide to pulling a representative hay sample with a hay probe. Hay buyers and feeders use it to get lab results that reflect the whole lot.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Identify the hay lot to be tested
2. Check the probe is clean and sharp
3. Choose bales at random from the lot
4. Insert the probe per the maker's directions
5. Collect cores into a clean container
6. Mix the cores and fill the sample bag
7. Label with lot, date and field
8. Send to the lab promptly

YOUR NOTES

TIP Sample each cutting and field separately because hay quality varies a lot between lots.