Forage Fertility Management Guide

A guide to planning fertility for pastures and hay fields, from soil sampling through nutrient decisions, for farmers who want forage fertilized on the basis of test results.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Pull representative soil samples from each field
2. Send samples to a lab and file the results
3. Read pH and nutrient levels against local guidance
4. Decide on lime needs first
5. Plan nutrient sources and timing
6. Account for manure and legume nitrogen
7. Apply per the product label and equipment manual
8. Record what was applied and re-sample later

YOUR NOTES

TIP Base every fertilizer decision on a current soil test and your extension recommendation, not on last year's habit.