Forage Identification Guide

A field guide for identifying common forage plants, with features to note for each, used by graziers learning what is growing in their pastures. Work through the steps in order, and keep notes on what you decide for future reference.

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1. Collect a whole plant sample
2. Note growth habit
3. Check leaf shape and arrangement
4. Look at the stem and nodes
5. Examine seed head or flower
6. Check roots or runners
7. Compare with an extension key
8. Record species and location

YOUR NOTES

TIP Use an extension identification key and take samples to the county office if you are unsure.

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