Forage Mold Identification Guide

A guide to identifying mold in forage, with signs to look for and steps to take, for livestock producers handling stored feed. Use it as a reference in the field or office, and adapt the steps to your own operation.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Check smell and color
2. Look for heat or damp spots
3. Note dusty or caked areas
4. Separate suspect forage
5. Photograph and label samples
6. Send samples to a lab
7. Ask your veterinarian before feeding
8. Record lot and source

YOUR NOTES

TIP Do not feed questionable forage until a lab and your veterinarian have weighed in.