Forage Species Selection Guide

A step by step guide for choosing forage species that suit your soil, climate, livestock and management, used by graziers and hay producers planning a new stand or renovation.

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1. Define the livestock class and production goal
2. Review soil test results and drainage
3. Note the local climate and growing season
4. Match grass species to soil and moisture
5. Pick legumes that fit pH and fertility
6. Compare mixtures against single species
7. Check seed availability and local adaptation
8. Record the final mix and planting plan

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask your county extension office which species and varieties have performed well locally before you commit to a seed order.

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