Grass Identification Field Guide

A field guide to identifying grasses in pasture, covering leaf and seed head features, for producers who need to know what their stand contains.

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1. Look at overall growth habit
2. Check leaf blade and sheath
3. Find the ligule and auricles
4. Note vernation in the bud shoot
5. Observe seed head type
6. Record whether the grass is native or introduced
7. Compare against a reference key
8. Log species and field

YOUR NOTES

TIP Take a good photo and a whole plant to your extension office for confirmation.

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