Hay Production Guide

A guide to producing hay from field selection through storage, for farmers who want to make quality hay for their own use or sale. Work through the steps in order, and keep notes on what you decide for future reference.

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1. Choose species and fertility plan
2. Plan cutting timing
3. Check weather forecasts
4. Cut and condition the forage
5. Rake and ted per conditions
6. Bale at proper moisture
7. Store and cover bales
8. Sample hay for analysis

YOUR NOTES

TIP Ask your extension office about cutting timing for your forage and check your equipment manuals before the season.

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