Stockpiled Forage Management Guide

A guide to managing stockpiled forage, from setting aside fields in late summer to strip grazing in winter, for graziers cutting hay costs. Work through the steps in order, and keep notes on what you decide for future reference.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Choose fields to stockpile
2. Remove livestock at the planned date
3. Consider fertility per soil test
4. Estimate forage available
5. Plan strip grazing with portable fence
6. Provide water and minerals
7. Monitor forage quality and condition
8. Record use and leftover forage

YOUR NOTES

TIP Test stockpiled forage quality before relying on it, and ask your extension office about local timing.