Haying for Wildlife Habitat Guide

A haying for wildlife habitat guide with steps for planning timing, cutting patterns, and field edges so hay fields cause less harm to nesting animals.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. List hay fields and wildlife present
2. Note nesting seasons
3. Plan cutting dates carefully
4. Leave some areas uncut
5. Cut in a safe pattern
6. Raise cutter height if advised
7. Watch for nests and fawns
8. Keep records of dates
9. Review what worked

YOUR NOTES

TIP Walk the field before cutting and ask your wildlife agency for timing advice.

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