

The Art of Hay Sampling

Transcript

First, lay out a 1 metre square quadrat and record the percentage cover of species.

Then grab your clippers....and get trimming.

Now you have a nice pile of green hay.

Weigh it to find the yield per square metre

Then take a random sub-sample

These will be dried and ground for analysis...but first they are sorted into grasses and broad-leaved herbs.

Doing this throughout the summer will show how the nutrients in meadow hay changes, depending on when it is harvested...

...and help farmers to maintain healthy meadows, whilst also providing a balanced diet for their pasture-fed livestock.