

Alabama Hay and Forages Strategic Plan

I. Identify measurable goals for hay and forages that will contribute to Alabama's economy and employment.

1. Increase forage testing in order to increase quality.

II. Develop and implement a strategy to remove barriers to your success and to foster success.

- Encourage more high-moisture hay (hayledge/balage).
- Identify green/yellow foxtail versus knotroot foxtail.
- Cut road medians and rights-of-way, especially during droughts.
 - Grazing versus bush hogging.
- 2,4-D resistant clover.
- Use substations more to host field days, workshops, etc., to teach farmers new production practices, techniques, etc.
- Purchase a mobile forage testing unit like the one from Dinamica Generale, which was featured in an article about Mississippi Extension