



Tri County Hay Show October 17, 2016

Why hay sampling is important: With declining animal prices do not cut the Vet Bill which is only 4% of your budget, don't cut the fertilizer bill because fertilizer cost are lower and while it can be a significant cost, it isn't as much as your 17%-20% feed bill. Forages are made to feed to animals and animals have requirements that need to be met to maintain an animal's condition. If you know the quality of your hay this can have significant implications on your ability to reduce feed cost. If I owned cattle, I would not buy hay unless it had an analysis because you can't tell what is truly in it. Protein and TDN are two of the biggest factors that I would use when buying hay. 12% protein and 60% TDN will help you cut other more costly options. These requirements and supplements go up if the cow is lactating. Take control of your feed program today by getting your hay sampled for you and your clients.

\$5 per sample of hay

Contacts for hay sampling:

Brock Fry MS in Jasper County – 409-384-3721

Entries will be received by **October 1, 2016** by the Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension County Agent. For sampling information contact Brock Fry 409-384-3721.

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