



# Hay Project

Spencer County 4-H

## Guidelines

- Have a soil test done of the fields where your hay crop will be grown to determine fertility needs.
- Select a suitable variety of grass or legume for your soil conditions.
- Prepare the soil for seeding or planting.
- Select appropriate time for planting or seeding your crop.
- Be sure to harvest your hay at its proper maturity to insure the best quality crop.
- Dry and bale hay in a timely manner to maintain high quality.
- Store your baled hay in a dry, well-ventilated location.
- Samples will be taken of your baled hay (5-6 bales) to determine nutrient values. This sampling is done approximately a month before the 4-H Fair, and you will be notified of the scheduled date.
- Use hay test information to balance rations for your livestock
- Exhibit a sample of your hay at the 4-H Fair.

