

Silage

Silage is fermented, high-moisture stored fodder which can be used as animal feed. It is fermented and stored by a process called ensilage or silaging and is usually made from grass and other plant material.



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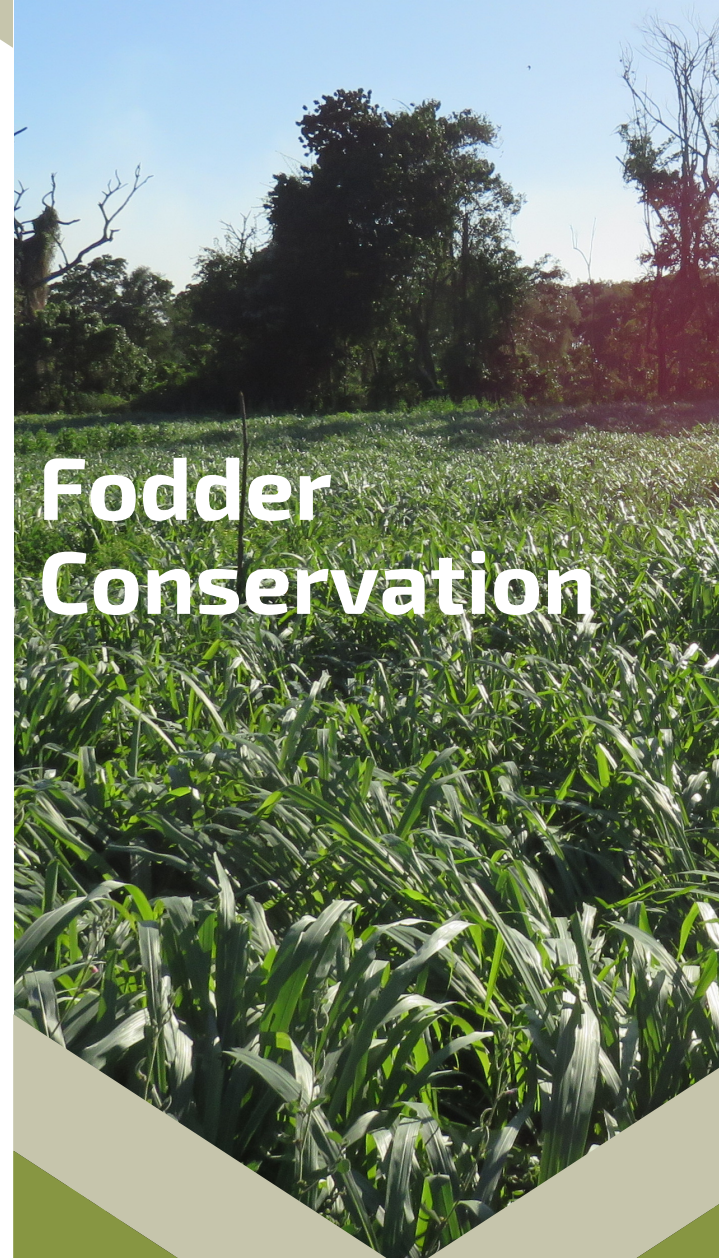
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Fodder is usually conserved as hay, haylage or silage. Some crops can be grown exclusively for hay, or silage production. Fodder conservation is an important tool for evening out peaks and troughs in feed supply in a grazing enterprise. Forage crops can play an important role in providing fodder that can be conserved for later use especially in conditions of drought

Hay

Hay is grass, legumes or other herbaceous plants that have been cut, dried and stored for use as animal feed, particularly for grazing livestock such as cattle, horses, goats and sheep.

Hay production is the most common fodder conservation practice.



Haylage

Haylage is a grass crop which is cut, harvested, and stored for feeding animals. It is made from the same crops as normal hay, but with a higher moisture content. With the proper equipment and storage techniques, this method significantly increases the food value and decreases crop loss.

