

Grade 9 Rationalized Agriculture and Nutrition Notes

Strand 1.0 Conservation of Resources

Sub-Strand 1.1 Conserving Animal Feed: Hay

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this sub-strand, you should be able to:

- ✓ Describe different methods of conserving forage (animal feed) to cope with drought.
- ✓ Practice conserving forage.
- ✓ Understand the importance of forage conservation in times of drought.

What is Forage Conservation?

Forage conservation means preserving animal feed like grass or maize stalks for use during dry seasons when green pasture is not available.

Methods of Conserving Forage for Drought

1. Baled Haymaking

- ✓ Drying grass or maize stalks, then pressing them into bales for easy storage and use.



2. Standing Forage

- ✓ Leaving some grass or crops in the field to be harvested later during the dry season.



3. Stacking

- ✓ Drying the forage and piling it in stacks or heaps in a dry, shaded area to prevent rotting.