

NATIONAL FORAGE WEEK 2022



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Why celebrate forage?

1. Forages cover about 55% of the land area in the U.S.
2. Forages are defined as the edible parts of plants that provide feed for grazing animals or that can be harvested for feeding.
3. Forages support grazing livestock and wildlife habitat, enhance crop diversity, and provide ecosystem services to society.
4. There are about 14,000 species of grass in the United States.
5. One acre of forage protects around 2 million pounds of soil.
6. Legume forages like alfalfa and clover add nitrogen to the soil, reducing the need for added fertilizer.
7. Forage crops are an important source of pollen and nectar for honeybees.

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