



Seasonal Distribution of Forages in Alabama

Planning your forage budget is crucial for the success of a forage/livestock enterprise. This requires knowing your forage demand and your forage resources throughout the year. The first step is to choose forage species adapted to the soil and climatic conditions in the area. Choice of forage species also must be compatible with the goals for the enterprise. Consider management requirements, costs, and level of animal performance desired.

Each forage crop has its own distinct pattern of growth. Select forage crops that complement each other by providing forage available over much of the calendar year. This extends the grazing season and reduces the need for conserved forage for feeding livestock during colder months of the year.

Search the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu for an overview of the availability of various forage species within a normal or average production year. You can also scan the QR codes to find forage species availability. Actual forage availability will depend on moisture availability, planting time, grazing pressure, and other factors.



NORTH ALABAMA



CENTRAL ALABAMA



SOUTH ALABAMA

