



Fodder Link Grading

Premium

- Moisture: Average 12% to 16%
- Colour: 80% or more
- Smell: Sweet, clean and fresh
- Texture: Soft
- Leaf Retention: Very leafy and Excellent
- Cutting Stage: Before or at flowering
- Stem Width: 6mm or less
- Weeds: less than 1% observed
- Contaminants: None
- Flag Leaf: 1-5%
- Staining: None
- Spotting: None
- Mould: None
- Feed Test Analysis of ME, CP, NDF: Top 25% species



Fodder Link Grading

Prime

- Moisture: Average 10% to 18%
- Colour: 60 to 79%
- Smell: Sweet, Clean and Fresh, Good Hay Aroma
- Texture: Soft, Mild
- Leaf Retention: Very leafy and excellent, leafy and good
- Cutting Stage: Before or at flowering, At or before milky dough
- Stem Width: 7mm or less
- Weeds: Minimal, Can contain 10-15% grassy weeds
- Contaminants: Minimal, low % of contaminants (less than 5) may be evident
- Flag Leaf: 1-10%
- Staining: None
- Spotting: None
- Mould: None
- Feed Test Analysis of ME, CP, NDF: Top 50% of species



Fodder Link Grading

Utility

- Moisture: Variable, Moderate to high moisture more likely
- Colour: 30-59%
- Smell: Sweet, Clean and Fresh, Good Hay Aroma, Lacks Aroma, Dusty
- Texture: Soft, Mild
- Leaf Retention: Very Leafy and Excellent, Leafy and Good, Signs of leaf loss
- Cutting Stage: Before or at flowering, At or before milky dough, seed evident
- Stem Width: 8mm or less
- Weeds: Variable, can contain up to 50% grassy weeds
- Contaminants: Variable, low % of dirt, sticks, roots, trash, stubble (less than 10) may be evident
- Flag Leaf: 1-25%
- Staining: Some staining may be evident
- Spotting: Some spotting may be evident
- Mould: None
- Feed Test Analysis of ME, CP, NDF: Variable, bottom 75% of species



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Low

- Moisture: Variable, High moisture most likely
- Colour: 1-29%, bleaching and significant colour loss most likely
- Smell: Dusty, Musty, Tobacco
- Texture: Soft, Mild, Coarse
- Leaf Retention: Very Leafy and Excellent, Leafy and Good, Signs of leaf loss, Poor leaf retention
- Cutting Stage: Before or at flowering, At or before milky dough, seed evident
- Stem Width: Variable, more than 8mm possible
- Weeds: Variable, high % of weeds possible
- Contaminants: Variable, low to high % of dirt, sticks, roots, trash, stubble (less than 10) may be evident
- Flag Leaf: 25% or more
- Staining: Some staining, significant yellow discolouring may be present
- Spotting: Some to significant spotting present
- Mould: Some to significant mould present
- Feed Test Analysis of ME, CP, NDF: Variable, bottom 50% of species



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Fodder Link's grading system is of a generic format that does not assess individual quality parameters that range across all fodder species, or the unique preferences of our buyers. This grading system serves as a general guide only and should not be depended on to make a purchase decision to ensure Fodder Link's values of transparency and quality are upheld, an inspection analysis is provided on every batch. Visual characteristics are described in depth, accompanied with photos and Fodder Link feed test, to assist our buyers in identifying the quality they are particularly looking for.