

FARM FRIDAY FUN

WITH ARIZONA AGRICULTURE

HAY



Hay is grass and other plants that have been cut, dried and collected. It can be stored in piles called *haystacks* or tied into bales. *Bales* can be round, or box shaped.



Common varieties of hay include grass mixtures such as ryegrass, timothy, brome, fescue, Bermuda, and orchard grass.



Hay is different than straw. Hay is made from leafy grass and other plants. Straw comes from the stems of cereal grains and is not very nutritious.



Hay is often used to feed horses, goats, sheep, and cattle.



Too much moisture in hay can cause bales to build up heat, and they can catch on fire.



Hay fields can produce several cuttings of hay. The grass grows and then it is cut. The grass grows and then it is cut. Most states can produce 3-4 cuttings on a field. Arizona hay farmers can get 9-10 cuttings thanks to our climate and irrigation systems.

