## **More On Saving Hay**

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MT. VERNON, MO. A fter last summer's hot, dry spell and the shortage of hay in most bale yards, you may be more conscious about ways to save hay. Hay savings start when you cut it and extends into the feeding period. Let's examine some ways you can save hay and enhance its feeding value.

• Put your hay in a barn, especially good quality hay.

• Don't stack your hay under trees. Hay needs to dry out and shade prevents that.

• Keep space, 2 or 3 feet, between rows of bales for air movement and the drying effect as the sun moves.

• Locate the bale yard on a well-drained area or get the bales up off the ground with coarse rock, tires, etc.

• Run the bale rows north and south when possible to allow them to dry each day.

The having season will be here in a little over two months so be making plans to save all you can.  $\Delta$ 

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