



Celebrate

NATIONAL FORAGE

Week

JUNE 17 – 28, 2018

1/4 of all acres in the US produces forage, for a total of **528 MILLION ACRES** in forage alone.

109 MILLION head of livestock are fed by forages in the US. This is more than the combined population of the four most populated states of the USA.

An acre of forage can prevent **2 MILLION POUNDS** of soil from eroding each year.

50 PERCENT of the total land area of the US is occupied by forage.

FORAGES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PLANTS ON EARTH.

FORAGE GRASSES PROVIDE MOST OF THE NUTRITION FOR CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, HORSES AND OTHER LIVESTOCK AS WELL AS WILDLIFE HABITAT.

Forage accounts for about **25 PERCENT** of the total value of agriculture in the US.

A dairy cow consuming 1 acre of forage for a year can produce enough milk to fill a bowl of cereal that is **14 x 7**.

United States dairy farmers use forage to produce **20 BILLION GALLONS** of milk each year. It is enough for each person in the US to drink 1 gallon per week for the entire year.

61.4 MILLION TONS of alfalfa was produced by US farmers in 2015. In small square bales, this would reach from the earth to the moon and back again 24 times.

28.9 MILLION TONS of forage was produced by US farmers in 2015, which is equal to the weight of 80 Empire State buildings.

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