

How to utilise hay to avoid wastage

Hay is semi dried grass compacted into bales and can be stored to be fed to animals in times of feed scarcity.

To make hay, let the grass grow, cut it and let it regrow. After cutting, let the grass semi dry. Bale it and store it in a raised place like a hay bank. When served to the goats, the goats do not eat everything. They only eat the leaves and leave the straws causing wastage.

Enriching hay

To minimize wastage, crush the hay using a machine and mix it with molasses. The molasses should be diluted with water to decrease on their stickiness.

You can pour the molasses onto the crushed hay in the evening and cover. By morning time, the hay will have softened and you feed it to the goats.

Molasses sweeten the hay making it more palatable to the goats. It also has sugars and energy which are utilized by the animals.

After mixing the molasses with hay, serve the hay to the goats in feeding troughs.