**DM Available in Forages**

From USDA Documentation Forms for Organic Livestock Producers

*https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/dry-material-intake-calculation-resources.pdf*



Haylage/baleage: 40-90% DM, estimate ~500 lbs DM per round bale baleage

Pasture: 15-20% DM

**Estimating DM Availability in Pasture**

*(lbs pasture DM/acre-inch) – credit to Jim Gerrish for this table*

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| Stand density | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Pasture Species | Lbs/acre-inch | Lbs/acre-inch | Lbs/acre-inch |
| Tall Fescue + N | 250-350 | 350-450 | 450-550  |
| Tall Fescue + Legumes | 200-300 | 300-400 | 400-500 |
| Smooth Bromegrass + Legumes | 150-250 | 250-350 | 350-450 |
| Orchardgrass + Legumes | 100-200 | 200-300 | 300-400 |
| Bluegrass + White Clover | 150-250 | 300-400 | 450-550 |
| Mixed Pasture | 150-250  | 250-350  | 350-450 |