

Silage Pit



Answer the following questions on Silage:

1. Name two plant species that should be included in a sward for silage.
2. List and explain six important management procedures in the production of pit silage.
3. Name the anaerobic bacteria needed for the production of good quality silage.
4. What is the pH of good quality silage.
5. Name one additive that can be added to pit silage and explain how the named additive works.
6. List four ways that a farmer can ensure optimum conditions for high levels of carbohydrates in ensiled grass.
7. List two advantages and two disadvantages of Pit Silage.
8. List two advantages and two disadvantages of Bale Silage.
9. Discuss how a farmer can ensure safety when making Pit Silage. (3 points)
10. Practical Activity: Visit a silage pit (or get numerous silage samples in the laboratory) and assess the quality of the silage under the following headings:
(a)Colour (b)Texture (c)Smell (d)DM content (e)Ph

