

## COLLECTING HAY FOR ANALYSIS FOR RESEARCH

**Please follow the steps outlined below for collection and submission of your horse's hay.**

1. Identify five (5) bales of similar hay. The bales should be the same type (grass, alfalfa, mixed, Bermuda, etc.) and the same cutting (1<sup>st</sup> cutting, 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting, 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting).
2. Open the bale.
3. Take one handful of hay from the center of the bale.
4. Place the hay sample into a “gallon” sized Ziploc bag.
5. Repeat steps 2 – 4 for each of the remaining hay bales.
6. Label the bag with the type of hay.
7. Label to bag with the name(s) of the horse that receives the hay and your full name.
8. Repeat steps 1 – 7 for each type of hay that your horse receives (if applicable).