

Equine Pasture Management Program

University of Minnesota

A well-managed pasture can meet the nutrient requirements of most horses, resulting in less money spent on hay and grain. A properly managed pasture also promotes overall horse health by minimizing the risk of colic, laminitis and ingestion of toxic plants, and reduces environmental concerns such as erosion.

Since 2011, the University of Minnesota has been offering a fee-based pasture management program aimed at optimizing the use of central Minnesota and western Wisconsin horse pastures. Based on evaluations, many participants report feeding less hay and extending their grazing season after only one year.

Participation in the program includes:

- One farm visit from a University of Minnesota horse specialist
- Area soil map, soil analysis, and fertility recommendations
- Forage quality analysis (if possible) and plant species identification
- Poisonous plant identification and weed control recommendations
- Manure management recommendations
- Overall facilities assessment
- **A customized pasture and grazing management plan**
- Phone and e-mail support
- Supporting University factsheets and supplemental information
- Cost is \$650 per farm
- Program is limited to 10 horse properties within 3 hours of St. Paul Campus

Register online at:

www.regonline.com/EquinePastureManag2017

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