

CFS FACT SHEET

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PROTECTION OF FODDER RESERVES

Haystacks, haysheds and silos must be well sited and well protected from wildfire, with properly prepared and maintained fuel breaks. The reserves they contain may be the only stock feed available after a large fire. Silage however is non-flammable and needs no special precautions.

Choose a Safe Site:

- Wherever possible fodder reserves should be located away from sides of buildings facing the most likely direction of fire.
- Store the hay away from roads, boundary fences and trees, for the best protection from wildfire.

Take all Precautions:

- Where possible dry the hay before it is baled or stored to guard against spontaneous combustion.
- Surround fodder reserves with a 20 metre fuel reduced strip either irrigated, mown, grazed, sprayed or ploughed.
- Erect a temporary fence to enable stock to graze right up to the stack to reduce the fire risk. Where three sides of a stack are walled, wire mesh gates, hinged or temporary can be put across the open side.
- Failing this, use herbicides to reduce the grass fire danger.
- Do not burn-off around haystacks.
- Insure all flammable reserves.
- Install a sprinkler system around the stacks for the best protection.

For more information about being Bushfire Ready:

Contact the Bushfire Information Hotline

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