

Montana Weed Seed Free Forage Certification

To stop the spread of Noxious Weeds in Montana, The Department of Agriculture has developed a Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Program. With the increase in pipeline activity, the opportunity for producers to sell certified NWSFF is increasing. Additionally, NWSFF forage is used by hunters or for recreational trips on state land. Fallon/Carter County Extension Agent, Elin Westover, is a certified agent of the Montana NWSFF program. In order to certify forage weed free in Montana it has to be physically inspected within 7 days of harvest. Straw can be inspected within 14 days of harvest. Producers need to call the Extension Office (406)-778-7110 48 hours before they intend to cut forage. Producers will be charged \$2.50 for the acres harvested for NWSFF. Certified hay must be marked either with Montana Certified Weed Free Twine or can be tagged by the bale. Both forms of identification are available through the office. Please call (460) 778-7110 for more information or to request a field inspection.