Evaluation of Grass Clippings as a Feed Source for Sheep

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Abstract

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Introduction to grass clippings as a potential feed source for livestock.

Materials and Methods

Fresh Grass Clipping Feeding Study

Dried Grass Clippings Feeding Study

Results and discussion of feed and sillage trials

Carcass Characteristics

Evaluation of grass silage and grass silage mixtures

Conclusion

The results from this study indicate that grass clippings can be a low-cost and effective feed source for sheep. The use of grass clippings as a feed source can reduce the amount of feed waste and improve livestock productivity. Additionally, the use of grass clippings can help reduce the environmental impact of feed production.