

# ADJUSTMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF HAYING EQUIPMENT

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Clayton Geraldts runs a commercial hay farm in Hart County near Munfordville, Kentucky. His total farm size is 740 acres, 430 of which are leased. The focus of his operation is producing small square bales for the horse market. Clayton currently grows a range of forage species including 560 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa/orchard grass and 160 acres of timothy and orchard grass. On average he puts up 100,000 small square bales a year. In his presentation Clayton will discuss the importance of proper adjustment of harvesting equipment as well as maintenance of that equipment. In 2009, Clayton, along with his son Christopher, received the KFGC Grassroots Producer award. In September 2013 he was elected to serve on the National Hay Association's Board of Directors.

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