**Collecting Biomass (above ground)**

- Use scythe to cut plants at base of stem

- Collect biomass in paper bags

o Collect about double what is needed in dry mass

- Weigh biomass

- Dry Biomass

o Place biomass in drying chamber at ? °C for a week? Or, spread biomass out to dry at room temp.

- Weigh dried biomass

**Preparing Forage Bags for Decomp Experiment**

- Tare weight of forage bag

- Fill bag with 20g of dry biomass

- Add label according to bag ID

o Fill in species column in excel

- Repeat for number of treatments and replicates needed

- Place bag on soil surface

- Use a marker flag to anchor bag to ground and keep it closed

- Shovel a small amount of soil on top of forage bag

- Retrieve nine bags from each treatment at each sampling time