



Haystack Snacks

Learn how hay is grown and harvested while enjoying a tasty snack.



Background:

Farmers harvest **hay** from early summer to early fall. Hay is grass that has been cut, dried, and stored for animal feed. Many animals eat hay, including horses, cows, sheep, and goats because it's full of nutrients. It's often greener in color.

Many people confuse hay with straw. **Straw** is the dry, yellow stalk from leftover after harvesting wheat or other cereal grains like oats. Straw is used as bedding for animals and can even be turned into fuel!

Although our haystack snacks are yellow like straw, we call them haystacks because they're delicious food for us, just like hay is for farm animals!

To read more about growing and harvesting hay, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y3mk9cvn).
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To watch a short video about producing hay, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y5qd8nqj).
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To check out one of our favorite story books about hay, click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y2gh2ft7).
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Ingredients for Haystack Snacks:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 2 cups Chow Mein noodles
- Wax paper

Directions:

1. Combine the butter and marshmallows in a large bowl.
2. Microwave until melted, stirring occasionally.
3. Add noodles and stir until combined.
4. Place wax paper on a tray. Spoon the mixture into little piles on the wax paper to resemble haystacks.
5. Let the haystacks cool until they are less sticky and ready to eat.
6. Enjoy!



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