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**Equipment for harvesting — Forage  
harvesters —**

**Part 1:  
Vocabulary**

*Matériel de récolte — Récolteuses-hacheuses-chargeuses de  
fourrage —*

*Partie 1: Vocabulaire*



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- adaptation of designation of some terms;
- modifications of some definitions.

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# Equipment for harvesting — Forage harvesters —

## Part 1: Vocabulary

### 1 Scope

This document specifies terms and definitions related to forage harvesters and their component parts.

This document identifies dimensions and other characteristics aimed at allowing comparison of operations of the machines and to improve communication among engineers and researchers, in association with ISO 8909-2, which lays down methods of measuring characteristics and performance requirements for the term defined.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **forage harvester**

agricultural machine used to harvest or gather the crop, cut the crop into short parallel lengths and to deliver the chopped crop into containers or separate vehicles

Note 1 to entry: Typical forage crops harvested are grasses, legumes, mixtures and/or row crops such as maize (corn) and sorghum. The chopped crop may be preserved in storage by ensiling or dehydrating, or it may be fed directly to livestock.

Note 2 to entry: The forage harvester may harvest the crop directly by cutting it at full width or from single or multiple rows, or by picking it up from swaths or windrows. Forage harvesters may be tractor-mounted, towed or self-propelled.

#### 3.1.1

##### **precision-cut forage harvester**

*forage harvester* (3.1) which uses a feeding mechanism consisting of four or more feed rolls to partially orient and advance the crop at a consistent rate into the cutting or shearing mechanism

Note 1 to entry: This type of forage harvester is capable of producing the shortest and most uniformly cut particles.

#### 3.1.2

##### **semi-precision-cut forage harvester**

*forage harvester* (3.1) which uses a feeding mechanism consisting of fewer than four feed rolls or other means such as an auger to advance the crop to the cutting or shearing mechanism

Note 1 to entry: Mean particle lengths and particle uniformity are intermediate between those obtained with precision-cut and random-cut forage harvesters. This type of forage harvester includes double-chop and multi-chop machines.