

Figure 2. Comparisons of forage availability in switchgrass and prairies, summer 2010. Triangles indicat switchgrass experimental units; squares indicate prairie experimental units; June samples are gray and July samples are black. a) Feeding stations (y-axis) were much more frequent in switchgrass stands than in diverse prairies. Forage yield (x-axis) at the this scale was higher in switchgrass than in diverse prairies—treatments that share letters have similar average forage yield at the feeding station scale. b) Forage yield at the paddock scale was significantly higher in switchgrass stands than diverse prairies; treatments that share letters have similar mean forage yield at the paddock scale. However, mean standing biomass was similar across diversity treatments and increased from June to July.