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Hay Evaluation

Hay and baleage samples will be evaluated in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Warm Season Perennial Grass Hay (e.g., bermudagrass, bahiagrass, etc.)
2.	Perennial Peanut or Alfalfa Hay
3.	Cool Season Perennial Grass Hay (e.g., tall fescue, orchardgrass, etc.)
4.	Mixed, Annual Grass, or Other Hay (e.g., clover/fescue, clover/ryegrass, millet, ryegrass, etc)
5.	Grass Baleage (high moisture grass forage ensiled in wrapped bales)
6.	Legume Baleage (high moisture legume or grass/legume ensiled in wrapped bales)

Hay entries will be judged using NIR testing procedures by the University of Georgia Feed and Environmental Water (UGA-FEW) Lab. The entries will be ranked using the Relative Forage Quality (RFQ) evaluation system, which accounts for protein, energy and fiber digestibility.

If necessary, ties in RFQ scores will be broken based on visual evaluation by the Forage Specialists from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

To qualify for entry to the SE Hay Contest, the producer and submitting Extension Agent must complete the Contest Entry Form. This form, along with a \$15 check made payable to UGA FEW Lab, **MUST BE SUBMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY** to:

Southeastern Hay Contest
Feed and Environmental Water Lab (FEW)
2300 College Station Road
Athens, Georgia 30602-4356

All Entries Must Be Received by the FEW Lab by:
5 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011.

NOTE – The SE Hay Contest form is the **ONLY** form that must be submitted. However, it **MUST** accompany the sample being entered along with a check for \$15. If the form and sample do not arrive together, this sample will not qualify for entry into the contest. If the lab tested forage previously that was not submitted officially with an SE Hay Contest form and you wish to enter this forage in the contest, you must submit another sample to the lab accompanied by the SE Hay Contest form and \$15 fee.

Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to any hay or baleage producer from the southeastern United States (see map on entry form), but entries must be submitted by the farm where the forage was grown.
2. Hay/baleage sample, entry form, and analysis fee must be received by the UGA Feed and Environmental Water Laboratory by *Friday, September 30*. The fee for participation in the contest is the same as for standard NIRS testing + nitrates (F2 test): \$15 per sample. **THE CONTEST ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SAMPLE.**
3. **A COMPLETED CONTEST ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE AGENT.** This form requires the signature of your County or Regional Extension Agent. By signing the entry form, the Agent certifies that the producer has met all contest rules/requirements. Agents must assign an entry number by state and county on the entry form. This code will be used as the sample ID for analysis and for judging. (ex. FL – Jackson Co- 12) The Agent also must ensure that all fields on the form are filled out.
4. Lab analysis samples must be taken from a single lot of hay and from a minimum of 5-10 randomly sampled square or round bales. Submit core samples for testing in a pint or quart sized zip-type bag labeled with Sample ID as described above. A lot is defined as forage taken from the same farm, field, and cut under uniform conditions within a 48-hour time period. Analysis results should be available to the producer and county agent within 7-10 days after submission.
5. A portion of the hay should be collected for display purposes when the sample is collected. Display samples should be collected in a 1 or 2-gallon zip-type bag labeled with the Sample ID as described above. No baleage display sample is required due to storage issues. Display samples may be stored in county offices until October 2011. AGENTS: be sure you keep a copy of the entry form with the display sample. Contest winners will be notified in early October and the display sample will be requested. **DO NOT SEND DISPLAY SAMPLES TO THE UGA-FEW LAB or to the State Forage Extension Specialist. Contest winners who cannot provide a display sample will be disqualified.**
6. Forage samples must be taken from fields with a minimum maturity or re-growth of at least 25 days to ensure fair competition. Hay from fields with less than 25 days of growth will be disqualified.
7. Forage samples for analysis and contest entry must be collected using a hay probe (http://www.foragetesting.org/index.php?page=hay_probes).
8. Forage samples with nitrate levels over 5000 parts per million (ppm) on a dry matter basis will be disqualified.
9. Dry hay samples with over 18% moisture will be disqualified. There are no moisture requirements for baleage categories.

For Questions Concerning Show Entry Contact:

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The Southeastern Hay Contest is open to any hay producer in the southeastern U.S. without regards to race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin.



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Entry Form (use separate form for each entry)		
State:	County:	Entry #
Category: (Check Only One) <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Season Per Grass Hay <input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Peanut or Alfalfa Hay <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Season Per Grass Hay <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed, Annual Grass, or Other Hay <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Baleage <input type="checkbox"/> Legume Baleage	Harvest Date: (month/day/year)	Field ID
	Forage Species and Variety: (i.e. Bermudagrass-Tifton 85, Bahiagrass-Argentine, Perennial Peanut-Florigraze, etc.)	
	Age or Maturity: (# of days from greenup or last cutting)	
	Comments:	
Hay Producer Contact Information		
Farm or Ranch Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Phone:		
County Extension Office Contact Information		
County Extension Agent (print)		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this entry meets all the rules associated with the Southeastern Hay Contest. I also confirm that both the Southeastern Hay Contest Entry Form and check for \$15 are being sent simultaneously to the UGA-FEW Laboratory.		
County Agent Signature		

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED (except the Comments field).