

**Got late Hay?
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Got late Hay? Want to know how good it is? The Piedmont Quality Hay Contest is being held again this year. The Hay Contest highlights the importance of forage testing and forage quality. With the late rains in August and September a lot of hay has had the opportunity to be produced but only if you have been able to get it up before the next rain. This late season hay will help local livestock producers get their animals through the winter! Because so much hay is still being harvested we have extended the deadline for submitting samples until November 6, 2009.

All hay samples should be submitted to your local extension office by November 6th to be entered in the Contest. This allows time for the analysis to be done and returned prior to the Contest Awards Program which will be on Monday, November 30th. Submit samples with a payment of \$12 per entry in one of three categories (Mixed Grass, Bermuda grass, and Legumes). Awards for the best hay in each category will be presented the night of the contest along with an educational program.