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## Hay Evaluation

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

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

Several prizes will be awarded to the winning entries under all of the above six categories of the contest as described below:

- Overall Highest RFQ Prize: \$150
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Each Category: \$50
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Each Category: \$20 + 1 Free Forage Quality Test
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Each Category: 1 Free Forage Quality Test

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 \$17 check (\$15 for the testing fee plus \$2 for Hay Contest entry fee) 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 Monday, September 22, 2014.

**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 \$17. 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 \$17 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 & entry fees (\$17 in total) must be received by the UGA Feed and Environmental Water Laboratory by *Monday, September 22*. The fee for participation in the contest includes the standard NIRS testing + nitrates (F2 test) testing fee of \$15 plus an entry fee of \$2 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 2014. 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 may 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](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.

## NEW: Hay Directory

1. Participation in the Southeastern Hay Directory is an option that is exclusively available to Southeastern Hay Contest participants. The purpose is to promote the sale and purchase of high quality forage that is produced locally. The SE Hay Directory will not facilitate online purchasing, but it will help to connect buyers with sellers.
2. The SE Hay Directory can include the SE Hay Contest participants' business name, contact information, and website. They will also have the ability to upload a small logo and a short advertisement (see the example below).
3. The SE Hay Directory will be maintained on the University of Georgia Feed and Environmental Water (UGA-FEW) Lab (<http://aesl.ces.uga.edu>) with links provided to it from the state forage websites (e.g., [www.alabamaforages.com](http://www.alabamaforages.com), [www.georgiaforages.com](http://www.georgiaforages.com)).
4. The cost to be listed in the SE Hay Directory is \$30.

### EXAMPLE:



**For Sale:** Hay; Silage  
**Name:** Hay Fella! Hay & Silage Sales  
**Location:** 3565 Anywhere St., Anywhere, AL  
**Phone:** 123-456-7890  
**Mobile:** 123-456-7891  
**Email:** [hayfella@hayfella.com](mailto:hayfella@hayfella.com)  
**Website:** [www.hayfella.com](http://www.hayfella.com)



#### Brief Description (350 character limit):

We have loads and loads of good Tifton 85, Russell, and Tifton 44 bermudagrass in small squares (\$8/60 lb bale) and in large rounds (\$75/1000 lb bale). We also have some premium alfalfa-bermudagrass small squares (\$12/60 lb bale) and baled silage (\$225/dry ton). Ask about our 8% volume discount.

### **For Questions Concerning Show Entry or the Hay Directory Contact:**

The University of Georgia's Feed and Environmental Water (UGA-FEW) Lab at 706-542-7690 or [sahau@uga.edu](mailto:sahau@uga.edu). For more: <http://aesl.ces.uga.edu>.

### **For General Information about the SE Hay Contest 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	Harvest Date: (month/day/year)	Field ID
Perennial Peanut or Alfalfa Hay: <input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Peanut <input type="checkbox"/> Alfalfa <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Season Per Grass Hay	Forage Species and Variety: (i.e. Bermudagrass-Tifton 85, Bahiagrass-Argentine, Perennial Peanut-Florigrass, etc.)	
Mixed, Annual Grass, or Other Hay: <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Grass, Annual Grass, or Other Hay <input type="checkbox"/> Legume+Grass Mixed:  -----%Legume (estimated)	Age or Maturity: (# of days from greenup or last cutting)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grass Baleage <input type="checkbox"/> Legume Baleage	Comments:	
<b>NEW: Do you want this hay lot to be listed in the SE HAY DIRECTORY at an additional \$30 fee?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
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 a check for <input type="checkbox"/> \$17 or <input type="checkbox"/> \$47 are being sent simultaneously to the UGA-FEW Laboratory.		
County Agent Signature		

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED (except the Comments field).

# For 2014 Hay Directory Participants Only

## A. General Information about the Business to be Included in the Hay Directory

Forage Type for Sale:	
Name of the Business:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	
Website:	

## B. Brief Advertisement about the Forage for Sale (Must be Type Written Not Exceeding 350 Characters Including Spaces. Please Avoid Misreading or Poor Handwriting)

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