



Prove Your Hay is the Best.

Participate in the **Southeastern Hay Contest** and showcase your high quality hay for a chance to win great prizes and recognition.

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**Winners will be announced on the first day of the
SUNBELT AG EXPO October 15, 2019**

**The 2019 Southeastern Hay Contest is presented by Massey Ferguson
and is sponsored in part by:**



Hay/Baleage Evaluation

Hay and baleage samples will be evaluated in the 7 following categories:

Category (1 st Place: \$150, 2 nd Place: \$100, 3 rd Place: \$75)	Sponsor
1. Warm Season Perennial Grass Hay (Bermudagrass, Bahiagrass, etc.)	 RW Griffin Industries, LLC
2. Alfalfa Hay	 AMERICA'S ALFALFA™
3. Perennial Peanut Hay	 Perennial Peanut Producers Assoc.
4. Cool Season Perennial Grass Hay (Tall Fescue, Orchardgrass etc.)	 CORTEVA™ agriscience
5. Mixed Annual Grass, or Other Hay (Legume/Grass Mixtures, Millet, Ryegrass etc.)	 Athens Seed Co.
6. Grass Baleage (High Moisture Grass Forage Ensiled in Wrapped Bales)	 Georgia Twine HAY & SILAGE PRODUCTS
7. Legume Baleage (High Moisture Legume or Grass/Legume Mixtures Ensiled in Wrapped Bales)	 Southeast AGRISEEDS Helping you optimize productivity on every acre!
GRAND PRIZE (Highest Overall RFQ) The choice of the use of a new Massey Ferguson RK Series rotary rake OR a new Massey Ferguson DM Series Professional disc mower for the 2020 hay production season AND \$1000 cash!	 MASSEY FERGUSON

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 on the basis of Relative Forage Quality (RFQ), which accounts for protein, energy, and fiber digestibility. If necessary, ties in RFQ scores will be broken based on crude protein and total digestible nutrients (TDN) values.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries of the above seven categories of the contest as described below:

- **GRAND PRIZE (Overall Highest RFQ):** The choice of the use of a new Massey Ferguson RK Series rotary rake or a new Massey Ferguson DM Series Professional disc mower for the 2020 hay production season **AND \$1000 cash!**
- 1st Prize in Each Category: \$150
- 2nd Prize in Each Category: \$100
- 3rd Prize in Each Category: \$75

To qualify for entry to the SE Hay Contest, the producer and submitting County Extension Agent must complete the Contest Entry Form. This form, along with a \$22 check (\$20 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 Thursday, September 19, 2019

Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to any hay or baleage producer from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma (east of I-35), South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas (east of I-35), or Virginia. However, entries must be submitted by the farm where the forage was grown. Because of climatic conditions that differ west of Interstate-35, all samples must originate from fields located east of I-35.
2. Hay/baleage sample, entry form, and analysis & entry fees (\$22 in total) must be received by the UGA Feed and Environmental Water Laboratory by *Thursday, September 19*. The fee for participation in the contest includes the “F2 test: standard NIRS testing + nitrate testing” with a fee of \$20 plus an entry fee of \$2 per sample. The contest entry form must be submitted with the sample. If there are multiple entries, a contest entry form must be submitted with each individual sample.
3. A completed contest entry form must be submitted by an Extension 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 correctly.
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. 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. For guidance on appropriate hay sampling technique, consult the National Forage Testing Association’s guide entitled: “[Recommended Principles for Proper Hay Sampling](#).” Submit core samples for testing in a pint or quart sized zip-type bag labeled with Sample ID as described above.
5. A portion of the hay should be collected as a grab sample 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 2019. 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 from the lot that was entered 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 type recommended by the National Forage Testing Association. For more, see: 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. Hay that has been treated with a hay preservative will be allowed within the crop species’ appropriate dry hay category, as long as the checkbox on the contest submission form indicates the hay preservative treatment and the moisture does not exceed levels where hay preservative treatment is expected to be effective (i.e., equal to or less than 25.0% moisture). Dry hay must have been dried in the field. The hay must not have been dried in a barn (e.g., forced air, fans, etc.). Baleage samples must be between 40 and 65% moisture (35-60% DM).
10. A representative of all winning farms (farm owner, manager, family member, County Extension Agent, or designee) must be present at the award ceremony to receive the award and prize or they will be disqualified. Grand Prize winners (equipment winners) are ineligible for the overall win for the next 3 years.
11. Each farm to be recognized for a top 3 category ranking or will receive one free admission pass to the Sunbelt Ag Expo.
12. Contestants who place within the top 3 RFQ scores will only be eligible for the highest placement. Contestants may not claim numerous places within a category (e.g., Farm A has the 1st place RFQ score and their scores on other entries would take 2nd and/or 3rd place, but they will only receive the 1st placement with the remaining places going down the RFQ score list).
13. 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 \$22. If the form and sample do not arrive together, this sample will not qualify for entry into the contest. If the lab had previously tested forage that was not submitted officially with an SE Hay Contest form and one wishes to enter this forage in the contest, they must submit another sample to the lab accompanied by the SE Hay Contest form and the fee.

Southeastern Hay Directory (optional)

1. Participation in the 2019 Southeastern Hay Directory is an option that is exclusively available to 2019 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 is 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.alabamaforges.com, www.georgiaforages.com), as well as from the SE Hay Contest website (sehaycontest.wordpress.com).
4. The cost to be listed in the SE Hay Directory is \$8 (in addition to \$22 required for participation in the SE Hay Contest).

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
Website: 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. 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)

Will Participate in: SE Hay Contest Entry Only (\$22) Both SE Hay Contest & Hay Directory (\$30)

State:	County:	Entry #
Category: (Check Only One <input type="checkbox"/> 1) Warm Season Per Grass Hay <input type="checkbox"/> 2) Alfalfa Hay: <input type="checkbox"/> 3) Perennial Peanut Hay: <input type="checkbox"/> 4) Cool Season Per Grass Hay <input type="checkbox"/> 5) Mixed, Annual Grass, or Other Hay: Mixed Grass, Annual Grass, or Other <input type="checkbox"/> Legume+Grass Mixed: <input type="checkbox"/> _____ % Legume (estimated) 6) Grass Baleage <input type="checkbox"/> 7) Legume Baleage <input type="checkbox"/> HAY PRESERVATIVE USED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	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:		

Producer's Contact Information

Farm or Ranch Name:	E-mail:	
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP:
Privacy Policy: Contact information will be used by the Contest organizers and sponsors to communicate with participants about their entry and to notify prizewinners. Contest organizers and sponsors may also contact Contest participants with special offers. Participants wishing to OPT OUT of these additional offers must initial here <u> </u> .		

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 \$22 (SE Hay Contest Entry Fee) or \$30 (SE Hay Contest Entry Fee and Hay Directory Fee) are being sent simultaneously to the UGA-FEW Laboratory.

County Agent Signature

ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED (except the Comments field).

For 2019 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 Not Exceed 350 Characters Including Spaces. Please write legibly.)