

1998 WORLD'S FORAGE ANALYSIS SUPERBOWL RULES AND CONDITIONS

The World's Forage Analysis Superbowl is designed to encourage quality forage production.

1. Divisions. Forage producers may enter in either of two divisions: The first division (dairy) is open to forage growers with dairy production information. The second division (commercial) is open to all other growers. Additionally, there will be special prizes for the highest scoring first-time entrants.

You may enter in the following categories:

A. Dairy Division

1. Hay
2. Haylage
3. Corn Silage

B. Commercial Division

1. Hay
2. Balage

A farm/ranch unit may enter as often as desired in as many categories as desired; however, no more than one finalist per farm/ranch unit will be allowed in any one class. In addition, a farm/ranch unit may win no more than one (grand) first-place prize.

2. Production. Hay and haylage samples must be grown on the farm of the entrant during the 1998 growing season and must be from a regular forage production field. Corn silage samples will be from the entrant's 1997 harvest. Hay must be from bale (any type); more than 18 percent moisture will be penalized. Use of a preservative/desiccant is allowed. Haylage and corn silage samples must have gone through a normal preservation process. Haylage and corn silage should be between 35 to 55 percent dry matter; samples outside that range will be penalized. Additives to any sample affecting fiber content or any other adulteration will disqualify the sample.

3. Management Practices. Rolling herd average of milk and fat must be provided by dairy division entrants. Supervised or non-supervised DHI records or again, your most recent dairy plant check stub with production information is acceptable.

4. Haylage and Corn Silage Sampling. Haylage and corn silage must have been ensiled and show signs of fermentation. Collect samples from morning and evening feedings of the same day. Combine, mix thoroughly, place at least two gallons in a clean plastic bag and seal. Store immediately in a freezer or cold place until mailed to the testing laboratory. Mail Monday or Tuesday to help ensure that the sample will arrive in good condition.

5. Sample Entry. Select 2-gallon haylage or corn silage sample or a 25-pound hay sample and label each sample clearly with your name, address, division, class and sample number. Send the sample(s), entry form(s) and \$20 per entry to: AgSource Cooperative Services, 106 North Cecil St., Bonduel, WI 54107. Samples must be postmarked or received by AgSource Cooperative Services no later than Friday, September 10, 1998.

6. Analyses. Hay and haylages will be analyzed for dry matter, crude protein, acid detergent fiber (ADF), neutral detergent fiber (NDF), insoluble crude protein, estimated digestible dry matter intake potential and relative feed value (RFV). Corn silage will be analyzed for all of the previous with the exception of relative feed value (RFV) and with the addition of digestibility. All analyses will be expressed on a dry matter basis.

7. Twenty finalists will be selected in each class. The hay and haylage classes will be based on relative feed value while the corn silage class will be selected on digestibility. These samples will be judged to determine final placement.

8. Finalist samples will be judged as follows:

Dairy Division:

Forage Analysis	60%
Visual	20%
Herd Production Information	10%
Milk Per Ton	10%

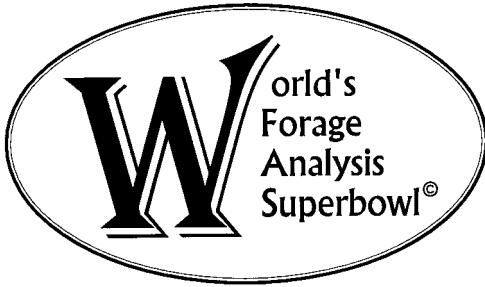
Commercial Division:

Hay/Balage:	
Forage Analysis	70%
Visual	30%

9. The decision of the judges in all matters will be final. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the AgSource Cooperative Services, (715) 758-2178 or Hay and Forage Grower (800) 722-5334 Ext. 678.

ENTRY RESULTS WILL BE MAILED AFTER ALL SAMPLES HAVE BEEN ANALYZED FOR THE CONTEST.

1998 ENTRY FORM
(internet)



\$20 entry fee and sample must be post-marked or received by AgSource Cooperative Services no later than September 10, 1998. (Check payable to 1998 World's Forage Analysis Superbowl.) If you are in the dairy division, be sure to include your most recent DHI production report with your Rolling Herd Average for milk and fat or most recent dairy plant stub indicating milk production.

Name _____
Address _____

City _____
State & Zip _____ Telephone _____
County _____ First-Time Entrant __Yes __ No

FORAGE INFORMATION

SAMPLE ENTRY SIZE: 1. Hay - 25-lbs 2. Haylage - 2-gal 3. Balage - 15 lbs 4. Corn Silage - 2- gal

1. Contest Category:

A.1. Dairy Hay _____ A.2. Dairy Haylage _____ A.3. Dairy Corn Silage _____

B.1. Commercial Hay _____ B.2. Commercial Balage _____

2. Variety _____ 3. Farm Sample ID _____

4. Which Cutting _____ 5. Date of Harvest _____

6. Drying Agent Used, If Any _____
(Name, Type, and Amount Applied)

7. Preservative Used, If Any _____
(Name, Type, and Amount Applied)

8. Herd Information: (Dairy Entrants Only)

A. Check Type of DHI Test: Supervised _____ Non-supervised _____ DHI Herd No. _____

B. DHI Herd Average: Milk _____ Fat _____ Breed _____ No. of Cows _____

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge, that the sample was taken according to conditions of entry, and that the hay, haylage, balage or corn silage sample is from the lot described and entered.

Signed _____ Date _____

Hometown Newspaper and Address _____

Send with sample to: AgSource Cooperative Services, 106 North Cecil Street, Bonduel, Wisconsin 54107 by September 10, 1998. (715) 758-2178. Submission of any entry in the Dairy Division allows judges to verify dairy production.

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HOLSTEIN WORLD, THE WESTERN DAIRYMAN, FARM INDUSTRY NEWS AND
HAY AND FORAGE GROWER.**

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Lab No.: _____ Check No.: _____