

2021 Hoosier Hay Contest

~ Rules and Entry Form ~

To qualify for entry in the Hoosier Hay Contest, the producer must submit an entry form and payment to:

Send Entry Form and Samples to:

Hoosier Hay Contest
Sure Tech Laboratories
C/O Justin Waldrip
7501 Miles Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46231
1-800-266-7176

Send Entry form and payment:

Hoosier Hay Contest
Indiana Forage Council
PO Box 2710
West Lafayette, IN 47996

All Entries must be received by Sure Tech Labs and Indiana Forage Council:
September 15, 2021

1. This contest is open to any hay or baleage producer in Indiana. However, entries must be submitted by the farm owner or manager of the acreage where the forage was grown.
2. Hay/baleage sample, entry form and fees (\$15/sample) must be postmarked by September 15, 2021. The fee includes a reduced cost for a basic forage test and entry fee. Each sample will need its own entry form and fee.
3. Samples may be submitted between June 1, 2021 – September 15, 2021. NOTE: Samples of baleage should be taken at a minimum of 6 weeks post wrapping to allow forage to ensile.
4. Hay or baleage samples must be taken from a single lot of hay and from a minimum of 20 bales. A lot is defined as forage taken from the same farm, field and cutting under uniform conditions within a 48-hour time period.
5. Samples must be collected using a hay probe. Many Purdue County Extension offices have hay probes. Submit core samples in a sealed quart size zip lock bag with the producer name and sample ID.

References on proper hay/baleage sampling:

Sampling Forages: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQAKkV9jL4M>
<https://hayandforage.com/article-3217-Probing-the-proper-hay-sampling-technique.html>
www.foragetesting.org

6. **Moisture Content:** Dry hay samples must be less than 18% moisture or will be disqualified. Baleage samples must be between 40 and 65% moisture or will be disqualified. Results from disqualified samples will still be provided to producer and local Purdue ANR Extension Educator.
7. Winners will be recognized by the Indiana Forage Council (IFC) at the annual meeting and on the IFC website, www.indianaforage.org.

Hoosier Hay Contest Prizes		
	Category	
Placing	Hay	Baleage
First	\$250 + One year IFC Membership	\$250 + One year IFC Membership
Second	\$150	\$150
Third	\$100	\$100

8. Entries will be judged by NIR procedures by Sure Tech Laboratories and ranked on the basis of Relative Forage Quality (RFQ) rounded to a whole number. Relative Forage Quality accounts for protein, energy and fiber digestibility. If necessary, ties in RFQ scores will be broken based on total digestible nutrients (TDN) then crude protein values.
9. Results from the forage analysis will be sent to the Hoosier Hay Contest organizer. ***The Hoosier Hay Contest organizer will send results to the producer and listed Purdue Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Extension Educator once payment is received.*** If needed, the producer can work with the Purdue ANR Extension Educator to interpret the forage analysis to determine how best to utilize the forage(s) in the operation.

Entry Form Example

Producer Information:

Farm Name: _____

Producer Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Sample Information:

Category: (pick one)

1. Grass Hay: _____

2. Legume Hay: _____

3. Grass/Legume Hay: _____

4. Grass Baleage: _____

5. Legume Baleage: _____

6. Grass/Legume Baleage: _____

Sample ID: Rental Farm A Field 2 _____

Harvest Date: 5/22/2021 Cutting: First _____

Major Forage Species: Tall Fescue & Orchard Grass _____

Comments: _____

Hoosier Hay Contest SureTech Laboratories Form

(one form for each entry/sample)

Producer Information:

Farm Name: _____

Producer Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Sample Information:

Category: (pick one)

Sample ID: _____

1. Grass Hay: _____

Harvest Date: _____ Cutting: _____

2. Legume Hay: _____

Major Forage Species: _____

3. Grass/Legume Hay: _____

Comments: _____

4. Grass Baleage: _____

5. Legume Baleage: _____

6. Grass/Legume Baleage: _____

Enclose a copy of this form and the forage sample and send to:

**Sure Tech Laboratories
Hoosier Hay Contest
C/O Justin Waldrip
7501 Miles Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46231**

For SureTech Laboratories purpose only

Please send invoice to Indiana Forage Council and results to towerj@purdue.edu

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(one form for each entry/sample)

Producer Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____
E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Extension Educator Information:

Educator Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____
E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this entry meets all the rules associated with the Hoosier Hay Contest. **Producer Signature:** _____

Sample Information:

Category: (pick one) _____ Sample ID: _____
1. Grass Hay: _____ Harvest Date: _____ Cutting: _____
2. Legume Hay: _____ Major Forage Species: _____
3. Grass/Legume Hay: _____ Comments: _____
4. Grass Baleage: _____
5. Legume Baleage: _____
6. Grass/Legume Baleage: _____

Enclose a check for \$15/sample and include a copy of this form and send to:

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Please make check payable to Indiana Forage Council