

# 2022 Hoosier Hay Contest

## Rules and Entry Form

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

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

Entry form and payment:  
Hoosier Hay Contest  
C/O Indiana Forage Council  
PO Box 2710  
West Lafayette, IN 47996

All Entries must be received by Sure Tech Labs and Indiana Forage Council:  
September 30, 2022

1. This contest is open to any hay or baleage producer in Indiana. However, entries must be submitted by the farm who owns or manages the acreage where the forage was grown.
2. Hay/baleage sample, entry form and fees (\$10/sample) must be postmarked by September 30, 2022. The fee includes a reduced cost for a basic forage test. Each sample will need its own entry form and fee.
3. Samples may be submitted between June 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022. 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. 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>

5. **Moisture Content:** Dry hay samples must be less than 18% moisture (25% if treated with preservative) or will be disqualified. Baleage samples must be between 40 and 65% moisture or will be disqualified.
6. Winners will be recognized by the Indiana Forage Council (IFC) at the annual meeting and on the IFC website, [www.indianaforage.org](http://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

7. Entries will be judged by NIR procedures by Sure Tech Laboratories. The entries will be ranked on the basis of Relative Forage Quality rounded to a whole number, which 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.
8. Results will be sent to the Hoosier Hay Contest organizer, the producer and the county Extension Educator. The producer and their County Extension Educator can then work together to interpret the forage analysis to determine how best to utilize the forage(s) in the operation.

**Entry Form** (one form for each entry/sample)

Producer Information:

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Producer 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

Extension Educator Information:

Educator 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Was preservative used? YES or NO

Sample ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cutting: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Forage Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check for \$10/sample and include a copy of this form and send to:

Indiana Forage Council

Hoosier Hay Contest

PO Box 2710

West Lafayette, IN 47996

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

Sure Tech Laboratories – Hoosier Hay Contest

ATTN: Justin Waldrip

7501 Miles Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46231

**For Lab info** – dry hay samples will be run in the forage basic test package

baleage samples will be run in the forage complete package

Use account number 0000006

Test results should be sent to towerj@purdue.edu