

Hay Contest Rules and Regulations

1. A fee of \$20 per entry will be charged, (unless the same entry of hay has qualified at a local or county fair using the *Custom Laboratory Inc.*) In this case, a \$3.00 entry fee will be charged and the same lab analysis will be used by the New Haven Fair. Entry fee and sample will be collected from 9am to 12pm on June 27th at the new building by the tractor pull. Sample will not be sent for testing if fees are not collected at this time. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place per class. (See # 12 for classes.)
2. Only lab analysis from the *Custom Laboratory Inc.* will be accepted.
3. Only Missouri residents with hay harvested in Missouri are eligible to enter the contest.
4. Hay must have been harvested in 2009. The following information **MUST BE INDICATED** on the entry form: **variety or brand name and number**, which cutting, date cut, acres per field, yield, preservatives, drying agents, fertilizer, insect and weed control.
5. Exhibitors are limited to **two entries per Class. Only one entry per field cutting is allowed.**
6. Only **square bales** allowed.
7. Entries will be laboratory tested for quality analysis at the *Custom Laboratory Inc.* in Golden City, Missouri. The hay will be tested for the following: moisture, crude protein, acid detergent, fiber, neutral detergent fiber, and net energy maintenance. **A relative feeding value will be used to compare hay in each respective class.**
8. If a preservative or growth regulator has been used on the hay, it must be indicated on the entry blank. If not, that entry will be disqualified.
9. The Superintendent reserves the right to change entries from one class to another if the entry is inappropriate for that class.
10. Final placing of each class will be based on the results of chemical analysis and visual observation (texture, leafiness, freedom from foreign material, etc.).
11. The following score card will be used:

Factor	Points
Chemical Test	60
Color	5
Condition	15
Smell or Aroma	<u>5</u>
Purity	15
TOTAL:	100
12. The following five classes will be used for competition at the New Haven Fair:
 1. Alfalfa
 2. Grass Hay - First cutting
 3. Grass Hay - Second cutting
 4. Grass / Legume (minimum 30% Grass to maximum 70% Legume)
 5. Brome or Timothy
13. Sampling of five (5) representative bales of the hay entered in each respective class will be conducted by Franklin County Extension personnel and Hay Contest Committee members.

NOTE: To enter the Missouri State Fair, you must sample 10 bales on this analysis.

One sample bale will be tagged on the day of testing and stored by fair officials until 10pm, Saturday, July 11th. The sample bale will be opened and one flake will be removed for judging and display. The bale will then be retied.

The hay will be on display at the livestock tent on Friday and at the tractor pull on Saturday.

Sample bale and prizes may be picked up after 10pm on Saturday.