

Orleans County Fair - Forage Crops Contest

Sponsored by Northeast Agricultural Sales and Poulin Grain.

The exhibit will be at the milking parlor to be judged on Friday. Entries are to be made at the milking parlor on Thursday, 2:00PM to 4:00 PM. Farms may exhibit one entry in each class and cash premiums will be awarded to the farms for exhibiting their home grown crops at the show.

CLASSES AND JUDGING CRITERIA

1. CORN-3 plants complete with roots in grain bag.
 - ♦Likelihood plants will reach proper maturity by harvest
 - ♦Yield Potential
 - ♦Conformation-Height, Tassel, Ears, Stalk, Leaves, Defects
2. CORN SILAGE-Sealed one quart jar.
 - ♦Harvested at proper maturity for best feed value.
 - ♦Length of cut, uniformity, clean cut from sharp knives.
 - ♦Proper Moisture (30-35% D.M.) and no off odors.
3. LEGUME HAYLAGE OR BALEAGE - At least 60% legume sealed in a one quart jar.
 - ♦Harvested at proper maturity for best feed value.
 - ♦Length of cut, uniformity, clean cut from sharp knives for chopped haylage.
 - ♦Proper Moisture content and no off-odors.
4. GRASS HAYLAGE or BALEAGE - At least 80% grass sealed in a one quart jar.
 - ♦Harvested at proper maturity for best feed value.
 - ♦Length of cut, uniformity, clean cut from sharp knives for chopped haylage.
 - ♦Proper Moisture content and no off-odors.
5. GRASS HAY-At least 80% grasses.
6. MIXED HAY -Legumes and Grasses together.
 - ♦One slice of a bale or equivalent from round bales.
 - ♦Harvested at proper maturity for best feed value and storage.
 - ♦Visual appearance, Leafiness, Texture, no bad odors or mold.
 - ♦Freedom from weeds or other contaminates.
7. OTHER FIELD CROPS – One quart jar or whole plant.

Forage Sample Analysis Results – For the classes below, forage analysis will be performed by Green Mountain Lab and placings will be determined by **Milk Pounds per Ton** prediction. Approximately a one quart sample in a plastic bag needs to be submitted for analysis.

8. CORN SILAGE
9. LEGUME HAYLAGE – At least 60% Legume
10. GRASS HAYLAGE – At least 80% grass
11. GRASS HAY – At least 80% grass

Premiums: 1st - \$25.00 2nd - \$15.00 3rd - \$10.00 for all classes
Best of Show \$100.00

