# Forage Analysis Information Sheet

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615.832.5850 fax 615.832.4936 soilplantpestcenter@tennessee.edu			Date
1 Customer Information (ple		☐ Cash ☐	Check Credit Card
Address:		Account or Online Order Number :	
City, State, Zip		Phone Number	
County:	Email:		
2 Sample Information (Enter	information and check (X) where a	pplicable for each sample submitted)	
Sample ID H	larvest Date	Sample Type Hay	Fresh Silage or
(Samples containing livestock	waste, grain or grain mixtures can	not be analyzed at this laboratory)	Haylage
☐ Tall Fescue ☐ Bermud	dagrass 🔲 Alfalfa	Corn	Lab Use Only
	Red or White	ies not listed	al 
3 Analysis Desired (Choose or	ne (X))		
BEEF CATTLE  BASIC - \$17 Moisture, DM, RFQ, CP, TDN, NEm, NEg, ADF, NDF, Lignin, Ash, Ca, P, Mg, K.  PLUS - \$30 Basic plus Cu, Zn, Mn, S.  BASIC WITH NITRATES - \$20  NITRATES ONLY - \$10	HORSE  BASIC - \$17 Moisture, DM, RFQ, CP, DE, ADF, NDF, Lignin, Ash, Ca, P, Mg, K.  PROFESSIONAL - \$30 Basic plus Sugar, Fructan, Starch, NSC, WSC, Cu, Zn, Mn, S.	BASIC WITH NITRATES - \$20  NITRATES ONLY - \$10	DAIRY  BASIC - \$17 Moisture, DM, RFQ, CP, NEL, NEm, IVTDMD48h, ADF, NDF, WSC, NFC, Lignin, Sugar, Fructan, Ash, Ca, P, Mg, K. PLUS - \$30 Basic plus Cu, Zn, Mn, S. BASIC WITH NITRATES - \$20 NITRATES ONLY - \$10
4 Ration Balancing (Enter back BEEF CATTLE	kground information (average weig <b>HORSE</b>	ght, etc.) where ration is requested)  SMALL RUMINANT	DAIRY
Mature Cows Gestation Lactation Months Bred Months Since Calving Replacement Heifers	☐ Maintenance ☐ Light work: 40% walk, 50% trot, 10% canter ☐ Moderate work: 30% walk, 55% trot, 10% canter, 5% skill work (jumping, cutting or other skill work) ☐ Heavy work: 20% walk, 50% trot, 15% canter, 15% gallop, jumping or other skill work ☐ Lactating Mares ☐ Yearlings	Mature Does	For assistance, please indicate status of dairy herd below.
	Weanlings	I I	i I

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## **Instructions for Submitting Forage Samples for Analysis**

Results and recommendations are no better than the sample submitted for testing. Please follow the sampling suggestions below for best results.

# **Sample Collection**

**Sample Size** Approximately 1/2 gallon of sample should be sent for an adequate test. Plastic bags with zipper closures work great for this use.

#### Sampling Technique

Hay - Obtain samples from approximately 10 bales. Best samples are obtained using a core sampling probe. Check with your local Extension office about the availability of these samplers. For square bales, take one core from one end of each bale. For round bales, take a sample from each side of the bales. If grab samples are taken, be sure to obtain a representative sample.

Silage or Haylage - If haylage is in round bales, follow the same procedures as for round baled hay. If haylage or silage is chopped, then obtain 2 - 3 gallons of material from 1 - 15 places in the silo. For upright silos, run unloader and collect one sample per minute for several minutes. In both situations, mix all the collected material together, then fill sample bag with this mixture. Be sure to seal bag to ensure correct moisture determination.

Sample Identification Use a permanant marker to identify sample package. Be sure identification is duplicated on information sheet.

# **Filling out Forage Analysis Information Sheet**

- 1 <u>Customer information</u>- Should include correct mailing address to ensure prompt delivery of forage test report. Reports will be e-mailed where an address is noted.
- Sample Information- Assign a sample ID (this is for your future reference) and harvest date if known. Check all crop types that apply to your sample.
- Analysis Desired- Choose one by checking applicable box.
- Ration Balancing This section is not required unless a ration is desired using forage quality factors. Please provide background information about livestock and stage of production where applicable.

### **Mailing and Payment Information**

- 1. Be sure to properly identify sample container and note this data on information sheet. If more than one sample is submitted, each sample needs a *unique* identification number and information sheet.
- 2. Verify that names are the same on samples and information sheets.
- 3. Samples can be hand delivered or mailed.
- 4. If samples are wet, please mail information sheet and check separately.
- 5. Payment can be made by check made payable to "University of Tennessee". For your convenience, forage tests may be purchased online by credit card at UTK Online Shopping Mall (choose UTIA Services) <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ofb2cuk">http://tinyurl.com/ofb2cuk</a>

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For more information on how to use this form or submit a forage sample, contact your local Extension office. Additional information can also be found at <a href="SoilPlantandPestCenter">SoilPlantandPestCenter</a>.