



Stearns County Fair Forage Analysis Contest 2026 Entry Form



Use one form per entry. Entries must be received by July 1, 2026. **Corn Silage only contest for 2026**

Farm Name _____ Contact Person(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____ First-Time Entrant? ___ Yes ___ No

Telephone _____ Email _____

For office use only:
Lab No. _____
Check No. _____

Contest Division (See reverse side for specifications): Corn Silage Only Contest for 2026

___ A3 Standard Corn Silage

___ A4 BMR Corn Silage

Complete for Corn Silage:
Processed ___ Y ___ N
Complete for Organic:
Organic ___ Y ___ N

Sample Information:

Variety: _____ Farm Sample No. _____ (1, 2, 3, etc. – to match entry forms with samples)

Date of harvest _____

Entry fee: \$45 per entry, check made payable to **Dairyland Laboratories, Inc.** Sample analyses will be emailed or mailed to entrants after all samples have been analyzed for the contest.

Send entry form (protected from moisture) with sample to: Dairyland Laboratories, 919 S Lincoln Avenue, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Please feel free to call Dairyland Labs at (320) 240-1737 with any questions. **It is the responsibility of the entrants to ensure delivery to Dairyland Labs in Sauk Rapids prior to the appropriate deadline date. Samples dropped at affiliate laboratories will be charged shipping.**

Prizes: Premium checks will be awarded to the top three entrants in each division. Winners will be showcased at the Stearns County Fair, Sauk Centre, MN between July 29 and August 2, 2026. Need not be present to win.

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge, that the sample was taken according to the conditions of entry, and that the sample is from the lot described and entered. By signing below, I grant permission to publish my farm name/name in the announcement of contest results.

Signed _____ Date _____

2026 Stearns County Fair Forage Analysis Contest Rules and Conditions

The Forage Analysis Contest is designed to encourage quality forage production.

All categories/entrants:

- Samples must be grown on the farm of the entrant.
- Samples must be from a regular forage production field and harvesting system.
- A farm/ranch unit may enter as often as desired in as many divisions as desired.
- Not more than one finalist per farm/ranch unit will be allowed in any one division.
- A farm/ranch unit may win no more than one grand or first-place prize.

Harvest year	Sample size	CATEGORY	Crop/plant/sample specifications		Samples analyzed for (expressed on a dry matter basis):
2025	2 gal.	Standard Corn Silage (non-BMR)	Must be whole plant, recommended chopping height 6" - 8". Must contain > 75% standard variety.	All silage samples: Must be ensiled in a normal preservation process and show signs of fermentation. Use of a preservative is allowed. Additives affecting fiber content or any other adulteration will disqualify the sample. No Baleage samples allowed.	Corn Silage: Dry matter, crude protein, acid detergent fiber (ADF), neutral detergent fiber (NDF), neutral detergent fiber digestibility (NDFD), and milk per ton.
2025	2 gal.	Brown Midrib (BMR) Corn Silage	Must be whole plant, recommended chopping height 6" - 8". Must contain > 75% BMR variety.	All silage samples: Must be ensiled in a normal preservation process and show signs of fermentation. Use of a preservative is allowed. Additives affecting fiber content or any other adulteration will disqualify the sample. No Baleage samples allowed.	

Judging:

- **The decision of the judges in all matters will be final.**
- 3 finalists are selected in each division.
- The Corn Silage finalists are chosen on Milk Per Ton.
- Finalist samples are judged as follows: 70% Analysis; 30% Visual

Sample preparation:

All silage entries: Place at least 2 gallons in a clean plastic bag and seal. Store immediately in a freezer or cold place until mailed. Mail on a Monday or Tuesday to help ensure that the sample will arrive in good condition.

All entries: Label each sample clearly with your name, address, category, and Farm Sample Number. Ensure submittal form is easily accessible and protected from sample moisture. Send the sample(s), entry form(s) and \$45 entry fee per sample (**check made payable to Dairyland Laboratories, Inc.**) to: Dairyland Laboratories, 919 S Lincoln Avenue, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Phone 320-240-1737.

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