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Dear Alfalfa Variety Testing Cooperators,

One new alfalfa variety trial will be planted in the spring of 2009 at North Baltimore. The trial will be a standard trial (**sprayed for insect control**); duration will be 4-years, assuming adequate stand and persistence.

Attached please find the appropriate entry form and fee payment information. Return the completed entry forms, seed and fee payment by March 1, 2009 to the address on the application form. Make checks payable to The Ohio State University.

We look forward to your participation in our trials. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at: e-mail, [mccormick.44@osu.edu](mailto:mccormick.44@osu.edu) or phone (614) 325-6740

Results and downloadable files are available on the web at <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~perf>. Web site information will include the list of marketers for each variety and a link to their website, as provided on the application form. For increased exposure to your products, please provide website address. Copies will also be sent via e-mail to each participant soon after the last harvest. Paper copies are also available if requested on the application form.

We have made the application available on the web at <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/perfentry/>. The web version is a PDF file where you can list your entries then e-mail the application to [mccormick.44@osu.edu](mailto:mccormick.44@osu.edu). We plan to make the application fully functional next year so you will not have to mail a hard copy, if all goes well. The web version should be available by 1/16/09.

# Ohio Alfalfa Variety Evaluation Trials

**Objective:** To collect dry matter yield data on alfalfa varieties so that Ohio producers can select the variety which best suits their needs, while providing breeders and researchers with information to assist them in determining the area of adaptation for experimental lines.

**Test Site:** North Baltimore, Ohio.

**Entry Fee:** \$475 for each alfalfa variety entry.

**Eligible Entries:** Experimental and commercial alfalfa varieties may be included.  
**(Blends are not accepted)**

**Seeding Details:** Trial will be spring-seeded at 16 lbs/acre. Individual plot size will be 4 x 20 feet. A randomized complete block design with four replications will be used and data will be analyzed using Nearest Neighbor AOV. Soil fertility, insect and weed control, and harvest management will be according to recommendations of The Ohio State University Extension.

**Trial Duration:** Seeding year plus three years after establishment.

**Insecticide Use:** Standard Trial (**sprayed**): Insecticide will be used to control all pests.

**Seed Requirements: 100 grams of seed per entry.** Seed of experimental varieties may come from the breeder. Commercially available seed must come from the University of Wisconsin (Dr. Dan Undersander) seed-distributing program. For varieties not submitted to Univ. of Wisconsin, we are willing to work with you to obtain commercially available seed. (please call to make arrangements). We will inoculate seed with Rhizobium before planting, but no other seed treatments will be applied by us.

## **Data Collection:**

Alfalfa variety trials:

- Forage DM yield, 2 cuts seeding year, 3 or 4 cuts the following years (at early flower).
- Visual (% stand) density in the fall.

**Publication of Results:** Data will be compiled annually and a summary supplied to each participant. In addition, variety test data for commercial seedlot entries will be published in an annual Ohio State University Forage Performance Report for state and regional distribution, including publication on the Internet (<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~perf>) and in Ohio's Country Journal magazine in December each year.

**\*\*\* OHIO FORAGE PERFORMANCE TESTING \*\*\***  
**Due at Columbus: March 1**

**\*\*\*Use ONE application form for each entry \*\*\***

**1. Entry Name**

1a. **Commercial Variety** name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If recently named, include experimental name below)*

1b. **Experimental** name \_\_\_\_\_

1c. National Alfalfa Review Board approval?  
 Yes  No  Pending

**2. Seed Germination Tests**  
*(for experimental entries only)*

2a. Total % Germ \_\_\_\_\_

2b. % Germ \_\_\_\_\_

2c. % Hard Seed \_\_\_\_\_

2d. Test Date \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Alfalfa Fall Dormancy Rating** (1-9) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Alfalfa Winter Survival Rating** (1-6) \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeder/Developer:**

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Affidavit:** I certify that the submitted seed is a true sample of the designated entry. I will not hold the University or its staff responsible for failure to obtain stands or growth due to unfavorable climatic conditions.

**Signature:** (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for paper copy of results:**

Yes  No

**5. Location of Trial for this Entry**

5a. North Baltimore: Standard Alfalfa Yield (NB) (\$475) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to:  
**The Ohio State University**  
This application and check is due by **March 1** at:  
John McCormick  
The Ohio State University  
202 Kottman Hall  
2021 Coffey Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43210-1043  
  
614-325-6740 / 614-292-7162 fax  
mccormick.44@osu.edu

**Seed Lot Instructions:**

**Commercial Entries**

You need to request commercial alfalfa seed samples (100 g. per location) from the University of Wisconsin's central distribution network be sent to John McCormick at above address.

**Experimental Entries**

A 100 g. seed sample per location needs to be sent directly from the applicant to John McCormick at above address.

**Primary Marketer of Seed in Ohio:**

*(commercial entries only)*

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

