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*Improving Agriculture through Crop Biotechnology
Genetics and Production Research*

To: Grass breeders and members of the grass seed industry
From: Dan Undersander and Kevin Silveira
Re: Solicitation for the Wisconsin Forage Grass Entries

This letter is a solicitation for entries for the Wisconsin Forage Grass Trials. This will be a Spring seeding. There will be three trials as described below:

1) Standard Variety Trial

Location: Agricultural Research Station, Arlington, Wisconsin
Management: Hay Production, three to four harvests per year
Data Collected: Forage yield and persistence
Duration: 3 harvest years or less if a variety does not persist until the end of the trial
Cost: \$600 per entry

2) Grazing Trial

Location: Agricultural Research Station, Lancaster, Wisconsin
Management: Rotational grazing by beef cows, five or six rotations per year
Data Collected: Potential yield, palatability and persistence
Duration: 3 harvest years or less if a variety does not persist until the end of the trial
Cost: \$600 per entry

3) Annual Ryegrass Trial

Location: Agricultural Research Station, Spooner, Wisconsin
Data Collected: Forage yield, persistence throughout the seeding year and at the beginning of the 2nd year
Duration: 1 year
Cost: \$250 per entry

Both commercially released varieties and experimental varieties will be accepted for each trial.

Entries, seed and checks should be submitted directly to *Dept. of Agronomy, 1575 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706-1514 (tel.: 608-262-6203, fax: 608-262-5217, e-mail: kgsilvei@wisc.edu)*. Entries should include a completed application form (*following page*), the required amount of seed, and a check for the total amount.

Please make check payable to:

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FORAGE PROGRAM

All checks should be written in U.S. Dollars and drawn on an American bank.

This application and check is due by **March 1** at:

Kevin Silveira
University of Wisconsin Forage Program
Dept. of Agronomy
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APPLICATION FOR WISCONSIN FORAGE GRASS PERFORMANCE TRIALS

Circle all that apply: Standard Trial(\$600) **200 grams of seed** Grazing Trial(\$600) **200 grams of seed**

Annual Ryegrass Trial(\$250) **200 grams of seed**

All information and seed requested below must be provided by **March 1**. Use one form per entry. Please photocopy this form as needed for additional entries.

Name of Applicant: _____

Species: _____
(for ryegrasses specify perennial, italian, hybrid, westerwoldicum, festulolium)

Entry name _____

Ploidy level _____ Maturity: early medium medium-late late *(circle one)*
(ryegrass entries only)

Stem Rust Resistant: Yes No *(circle one)* Crown Rust Resistant: Yes No *(circle one)*
(for ryegrass, orchardgrass, and tall fescue entries)

Is entry a commercial variety _____ or an experimental variety _____

If commercial, please give experimental name _____

Germination percentage and date _____

Purity percentage and date _____

Distributor/ Marketer *(fill in for commercial entries only)*

Breeder/ Developer

Company _____

Company _____

Contact _____

Contact _____

Address _____

Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone/FAX _____

Phone/FAX _____

E-Mail address _____

E-Mail address _____

Web Page _____

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Affidavit: I certify that the seed sample provided 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.

Name of person completing this form: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

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