

NSW Hay and Silage Feed Quality Awards 2014

Entry form to be sent with sample to *Feed Quality Service*

Name: Business name:

Postal address:

Phone: Fax:

Email:

Property address (if different):

Property Identification Code (PIC):

Sample details: Hay (\$42.10) Silage (\$70.40) Bale or pit size:

Note: You must enclose a cheque made payable to Trade & Investment NSW

Crop/pasture description (1 only)

Details/varieties

- Winter/temperate pasture
- Summer/tropical pasture:
- Winter crop:
- Maize:
- Other summer crop:
- Lucerne:
- Other:

Harvest: Date: Growth stage/maturity:

Machinery used to mow/bale/harvest etc:

Storage method/facility:

Additives applied at harvest:

Quantity stored:

Time from mowing till harvest or storage:days

Payment Authorisation (must be completed)

I hereby authorise Trade & Investment NSW to test the sample I have identified according to the above details as an entry in the 2014 NSW Hay and Silage Feed Quality Awards. I have enclosed a cheque for \$_____

I accept that the judge's decision will be final and will not be challenged.

Name: **Signature:** **Date:**

Test results and findings may be provided to authorised staff and used for statistical, surveillance, extension, certification and regulatory purposes in accordance with Departmental policies. The information assists disease and residue control programs and underpins market access for agricultural products. The source of the information will remain confidential unless otherwise required by law or regulatory policies.

LABORATORY USE ONLY		
Date received:	Accession number:	Accessioned by:
Samples checked:	Total number of samples:	Testing authorised:

Closing date: 4 July 2014

See conditions of entry on following page

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Conditions of Entry

- Samples (approx. 500g) are best sent using a Post Paid Feed Quality Service sample kit available from NSW DPI. Silage should be frozen in plastic bag then wrapped in newspaper before posting early in the week. If you don't have a green FQS bag, samples can be posted early in the week to: Feed Quality Service, NSW DPI, Locked Bag 701, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
- The aim of these awards is to promote the benefits of high quality hay and silage to all farmers with emphasis on the importance of feed quality in animal production and how to achieve feed quality in conserved forages.
- Awards will be based on feed quality analysis results from the NSW DPI Feed Quality Service with emphasis on metabolisable energy and crude protein. Results will also be compared with guidelines provided in NSW DPI Silage Note 4 (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au) and TopFodder Successful Silage manual.
- Awards will compare hays and silages in each category ie. one award for each crop or pasture type, not separate awards for hay and silage.
- Samples must be representative and must come from commercial lot size intended for feeding to animals. Minimum lot size 5 tonnes of product.
- Samples must be of forage (hay or silage) conserved and/or fed in 2013/2014.
- Limit of 4 entries (samples) per farm or producer.
- Awards will be presented at the NSW Grasslands Society Annual Conference to be held in Inverell 22-24 July 2014.
- It is desirable for all entrants to keep photos and an example of entries until after awards are announced.
- Winners agree to co-operate with the organisers (NSW DPI and Grasslands Society of NSW) to conduct relevant field days, press and media following the awards.

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Note: Results of early submissions will be sent out at the end of each month.

We thank sponsors of these awards:



➤ NSW Feed Quality Service

Approximately \$5,000 worth of prizes

Further information phone (02) 6938 1957 (lab) or (02) 4939 8948

