

2026 OPEN HAY AND SILAGE SHOWS

Chaired by Rutgers Cooperative Extension 908-475-6505

REGISTRATION

Friday, July 24, 2026 - 9:00 am to noon - Livestock Exhibit Barn – judging starts at 1:00 pm

HAY

AWARDS

First Place - \$30.00 and ribbon

Second Place - \$25.00 and ribbon

Third Place – ribbon

A trophy will be awarded to the best entry in each class.

Best of Show - \$60.00 and a rosette and trophy

Rules

1. All farmers are eligible to enter. The sample must have been grown by the exhibitor in 2026.
2. Only one sample from the same farm will be accepted for entry in each class.
3. Entry Procedure: Samples should be identified with name, mailing address, cutting number, and class. Please fill out entry tag and attach securely to each entry BEFORE DELIVERY TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. Please call 908-475-6505 to request additional tags.
4. An entry shall consist of an undisturbed compact bale section **AT LEAST 12" THICK**.

Regulations

1. All hays will be judged according to their ideals, regardless of time of cutting, number of cuttings or procedure in harvesting, other than curing. Important factors to be considered are leafiness (percent of leaves), amount of green color, and percentage of foreign material (weeds, etc.).
2. Hay classification will be at the show Chairman's discretion.
3. Pure grass hays are not to contain more than 10% legumes.
4. Please check your entries for a "trophy card". Trophies can be picked up at the FAIR OFFICE until Saturday, August 1st or at the EXTENSION OFFICE in Belvidere starting Monday, August 3rd.

Classes

Alfalfa Group

1. Alfalfa, first cutting - alfalfa with less than 10% grass
2. Alfalfa, later cutting - alfalfa with less than 10% grass

Mixed Alfalfa/Grass Group

3. Alfalfa with grass, first cutting – any grass hay and alfalfa that contains approximately 50% grass
4. Alfalfa with grass, later cutting – any grass hay and alfalfa that contains approximately 50% grass

Clover Group

5. Clover, first cutting – clover with less than 10% grass
6. Clover with grass, first cutting – any species of grass and clover mixed hay that contains approximately 50% clover
7. Clover with grass, later cutting – any species of grass and clover mixed hay that contains approximately 50% clover

Grass Group

8. Timothy, first cutting – timothy containing less than 10% alfalfa or clover
9. Orchard grass, first cutting – orchard grass containing less than 10% alfalfa or clover
10. Brome, first cutting – brome containing less than 10% alfalfa or clover
11. Mixed grass, first cutting – two or more species of grass, equally mixed, containing less than 10% clover or alfalfa
12. Grass, later cutting – pure species or a mixture of grasses containing less than 10% clover or alfalfa

Straw

13. Oat straw
14. Barley straw
15. Rye straw
16. Wheat straw

SILAGE AND HAYLAGE

AWARDS

First Place - \$10.00 and ribbon

Second Place - \$ 8.00 and ribbon

Third Place - ribbon

A trophy will be awarded to the best entry in classes 1 through 3, and Best of Show.

Rules

1. Use one (1) quart, wide mouth glass fruit jars for exhibit. One jar comprises an entry.
2. More than one entry may be made by an individual, but each entry must be from a different silo.
3. Please fill out entry tag and attach securely to each entry BEFORE DELIVERY TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. Please call 908-475-6505 to request additional tags.
4. Entries will be judged on the following basis:
Odor – 45 points, Appearance 35 points, Mold 20 points.
5. Please check your entries for a “trophy card”. Trophies can be picked up at the FAIR OFFICE until Saturday, August 1st or at the EXTENSION OFFICE in Belvidere starting Monday, August 3rd.

Classes

1. Haylage
 - a. Alfalfa
 - b. Grass
 - c. Mixture
2. Silage
3. Baylage

GRAIN EXHIBIT

AWARDS

Awards: 1st Place - \$10; 2nd Place - \$8; 3rd Place – ribbon; Best of Show – trophy

Corn – Oats – Soybeans

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CORN EXHIBIT

AWARDS

Tallest Corn - 1st Place \$10.00, 2nd Place \$8.00

Best Eared Stalk - 1st Place \$10.00, 2nd Place \$8.00

Most Developed Ears per Stalk - 1st Place \$10.00, 2nd Place \$8.00