



DATE: February 27, 2024  
FROM: Julie Hansen and Virginia Moore  
RE: Cornell University Forage Yield Evaluation Trials

Dear Cooperator:

We are making some changes to the Forage testing program at Cornell. First, we will offer to plant red clover trials every spring, to plant alfalfa trials every other year (2025, 2027, ...) and grass trials every other year (2024, 2026, ...). Also, in the past you have signed a Cornell agreement called 'Routine Product Testing Agreement'. This is a one-year agreement even though the trials go for 4 years (seeding year plus three production years). We now have to switch to a Sponsored Testing Agreement. This change has resulted in trial fees increasing substantially.

We are offering to evaluate cool-season grass and red clover cultivars and experimental populations (entries) in New York State. Please return applications by April 15, with seed. Upon receipt of the application, Cornell grants officers will follow with a Sponsored Testing Agreement.

**Red Clover Yield Trials.** Cultivars and experimental populations will be tested at Ithaca NY. Please send 100 to 200 grams of seed for one trial location. Cultivars should be from a commercial seed lot.

Fee: The fee is \$1000 per trial entry.

**Perennial Grass Yield Trials.** Timothy, Bromegrass, Orchardgrass, Tall Fescue, Meadow Fescue, Festulolium, Perennial Ryegrass, and other grass species cultivars and experimental populations will be planted in Ithaca. Grass trials are planted in the spring and grouped by species. Please send at least 400 grams of seed per entry. Cultivars should be from a commercial seed lot.

Fee: The fee is \$1250 per trial entry.

There are two application forms, one for red clover, one for perennial grasses. The application forms are also available on the web <https://blogs.cornell.edu/varietytrials/forage/> in Microsoft Word and pdf format.

Also accepted are e-mail messages that contain the application information ([JLH17@cornell.edu](mailto:JLH17@cornell.edu)).

We will do our best to successfully establish all trials this spring. If a spring-seeded trial has variable and low plant stands, the trial will be reestablished in late July or early August, or in 2025.

Reports of trial results will be sent by e-mail and will be available on the web. Reports will be mailed upon request. Report format is anticipated to be like past reports. All forage trial entries from companies will be reported in public reports. To view past reports, go to <https://blogs.cornell.edu/varietytrials/forage/>. Trial reports are sent to Extension educators and presented at field days and at extension meetings throughout the year.

Best wishes for the coming season.

**APPLICATION FOR RED CLOVER ENTRIES IN  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY YIELD TRIALS, NY - 2024**  
Forms available at <https://blogs.cornell.edu/varietytrials/forage/>

**Deadline:** April 15, 2024

**Fee:** \$1000 per entry

**Send:** Application, 100 to 200 grams of seed per entry, and check.

**Payment:** Check payable to 'Cornell University'.

**Address:** J. Hansen, Cornell University, 106 Love Lab, 126 Medicago Drive, Ithaca, New York 14853.

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Please fill out form or e-mail the appropriate information ([JLH17@cornell.edu](mailto:JLH17@cornell.edu)):

**Distributor/Marketer**

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone / Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Breeder/Developer:**

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Web address \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Name	Fee \$1000 per trial	Variety (V) or Experimental (E)?	Additional Information
<b>Total \$</b>			

Other Information? \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR PERENNIAL GRASS ENTRIES IN CORNELL UNIVERSITY YIELD TRIALS, NY - 2024**

Forms available at <https://blogs.cornell.edu/varietytrials/forage/>

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

**Fee: \$1250 per entry for Perennial grass entries;  
Send: Application, check, and 100 to 400 grams of seed per entry**

**Payment: Check payable to 'Cornell University'.**

**Address: J. Hansen, Cornell University, 106 Love Lab, 126 Medicago Drive, Ithaca, New York 14853.**

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Please fill out form or e-mail the appropriate information ([JLH17@cornell.edu](mailto:JLH17@cornell.edu)):

<p><b>Distributor/Marketer</b></p> <p>Company _____</p> <p>Contact/Title _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, ST, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone / Fax _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p>Web address _____</p>	<p><b>Breeder/Developer:</b></p> <p>Company _____</p> <p>Contact/Title _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, ST, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p>Web address _____</p>
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Entry Name	Marketing Company	Grass Species	Cultivar Characteristics Maturity / Ploidy / Endophyte /Other	Fee (\$1250 per entry)
				Total \$

Please attach available variety or experimental descriptions or describe below.

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