

Wet season dampens Ag Progress Hay Show

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ROCK SPRINGS — With soggy weather standing in the way of haymaking this year, extension agronomist and show chairman, Sid Bosworth, reported that neither the quantity nor quality of entries were up to standard at Ag Progress's Hay and Forage Show.

Show committee member Alfred Dugan, director of research at Milton Hershey School Farm,

echoed Bosworth's assessment, noting the number of entries was down about 60 percent.

"It's been almost impossible to field-dry forage this year," said Dugan, summing up a growing season that has been better adapted for growing rice than harvesting forage crops.

The show's judge was professor emeritus Dr. John Baylor who chose his grand champion from the

class of partially field-dried and heat-cured alfalfa. Submitted by Jay McCarrell of Eighty-Four, the third-cutting sample was a Conestoga variety with a crude protein content of 22.9 percent and an estimated TDN of 63 percent.

Reserve grand champion in the hay division came from the class made up of field-cured clover entries. Clover entered by Paul Bollinger of Myerstown took the reserve champion spot with a crude protein content of 21 percent and an estimated TDN of 62 percent.

In the hay crop silage division, silage entered by the Milton Hershey School Farm took grand champion honors. The winning sample was a class-two submission including legumes and legume grasses mixed, with less than 60 percent moisture. The winning submission's crude protein content was 25 percent with an estimated TDN of 62 percent.

The reserve champion silage was entered by David Witmer of Carlisle. Witmer's silage was among the low moisture legumes and legume grasses containing more than 60 percent moisture. The reserve champion sample had a crude protein content of 22.9 percent and an estimated TDN of 64 percent.

Other show results were as follows:

HAY CLASSES, SECTION I
(Field cured, no heat, no hay preservative)
Alfalfa, First Cutting

- 1 Eugene Stauffer 2 Harold K Kauffman 3 Randy Lee Shaffer

Alfalfa, Later Cutting

- 1 Mike Gaspich, 2 Jim Sankey, 3 Wilbur Harshberger

Alfalfa-Grass, First

- 1 Paul Bollinger, 2 Randy Lee Shaffer

Alfalfa-Grass, Later

- 1 James Henry, 2 James Henry 3 Richard Crawford

Clover

- 1 Paul Bollinger, 2 Eugene Stauffer

Clover-Timothy

- 1 Eugene Stauffer, 2 David R Harrop 3 Collins Farm



Looking over this year's entries at the Ag Progress Hay and Forage Show are show chairman Sid Bosworth and judge Dr. John Baylor.



Jay McCarrell displays his grand champion entry. The heat-dried Conestoga alfalfa was from McCarrell's third cutting.

- Birdsfoot Trefol
2 William C Mearns Jr
Birdsfoot Trefol Mixed
2 William C Mearns Jr
Grass, First
1 Virgil E Gutshall Jr 2 James Radichok 3 Richard Crawford
Grass, Second
1 David Witmer 2 Paul Bollinger 3 William J Smith
Mixed Hay
(More than 50% Legumes)
1 Paul Bollinger 2 Frederick C Brodzina 3 Jim Sankey
Mixed Hay
(over 50% grasses)
1 Terry L Womer 2 William J Smith 3 James Radichok
Summer Annual Grasses
2 Paul Bollinger
HAY CLASSES, SECTION II
(Partially field cured plus heat dried)
Alfalfa, First Cutting
1 Paul Bollinger, 2 Jay McCarrell
Alfalfa, Later Cut
1 Jay McCarrell, 2 Dan and Tim Alderfer 3 Milton Hershey School Farms
Alfalfa Grass-Mixed, First
1 Jay McCarrell
Alfalfa Grass-Mixed, Later
1 Jay McCarrell, 2 Dan and Tim Alderfer
Clover
1 Paul Bollinger
Clover-Timothy Mixed
1 Jay McCarrell, 2 Paul Bollinger
Grass, Second Cutting
1 Jay McCarrell
Grass, Second Cutting
1 Jay McCarrell 2 Paul Bollinger
Mixed Hay
(over 50% Legumes)
1 Jay McCarrell 2 Paul Bollinger
Mixed Hay
Over 50% grasses
1 David Peachey
HAY CLASSES, SECTION III
(Partially field cured plus preservative)
Alfalfa, First Cut
3 David Witmer
Alfalfa, Later Cut
1 Glenn Carper 2 Terry Eutzy 3 John W Snock
Alfalfa Grass Mixed, First
1 Stephen W Smith, 2 Glenn Carper
Alfalfa Grass Mixed, Later
1 Terry Eutzy
Alfalfa, First Cut
3 David Witmer
Alfalfa, Later Cut
1 Glenn Carper 2 Terry Eutzy 3 John W Snock
Alfalfa Grass Mixed, First
1 Stephen W Smith 2 Glenn Carper
Alfalfa Grass Mixed, Later
1 Terry Eutzy
HAY CROP SILAGE CLASSES
Legume and Legume Grass Mixed
(Greater than 60% water)
1 Milton Hershey School Farms, 2 Samuel Conrad 3 Walter Keller and Sons
Legume and Legume Grass Mixed
(Less than 60% water)
1 David Witmer, 2 Gillbrook F John Gilliland, 3 Robert N Oliver
Mainly Grass
(Greater than 60% water)
1 David Witmer
Mainly Grass, Low Moisture
(Less than 60% water)
1 R Wayne Herpster 2 Ken Snyder 3 William C Mearns
Small Grains
(Greater than 60% water)
1 John Burket and Sons, 2 Herman Espy 3 Herman Espy
Small Grains
Less than 60% water
1 Herman Espy 3 Hillcrest Farm Dave and Janet Hileman

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