

Ozark Empire Fair Hay & Haylage Contest Entry - 2026

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Hay or haylage must be harvested in the State of Missouri in 2026 and must come from the exhibitor's farm operation.
- Entries may be either dry hay or haylage in either small bales or large packages.
- Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class. No more than one entry per field, per cutting, may be made.
- Sampling of the hay will be done by the University of Missouri regional faculty or a designated person, such as FFA advisors.
- Entries will be tested for moisture, crude protein, acid detergent fiber, neutral detergent fiber. Calculations will be made for energy values Relative Forage Quality (RFQ).
- An entry will consist of core samples from ten bales.
- The entries will be tested at Custom Laboratory, Monett, MO
- Entry fee will be \$25 per sample. Make checks payable to: Ozark Empire Fair. Send samples to Custom Lab, Monett.
- Send the entry form and check to Stone County Extension Center, P.O. Box 345, Galena, MO 65656.
- Placings in each class are based entirely on the RFQ values. There is no subjective evaluation of the hay or haylage.
- Entry deadline is July 14, 2026.
- Ribbons and prize money will be mailed to the exhibitor after August 31, 2026.
- An educational display of hay quality will be set up in the hay contest area.

Prize Money

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$15 4th - \$10 5th - \$10 6th - \$10

Ribbons awarded through 6th place. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rosettes

Hay Classes

- Legume
- Cool Season Grass
- Warm Season Perennial Grass
- Grass/Legume Mix
- Summer/Winter Annual Grass

Haylage Classes

- Legume
- Cool Season Grass
- Warm Season Perennial Grass
- Grass/Legume Mix
- Summer/Winter Annual Grass

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Mail or deliver your entry to your University of Missouri Extension Center by **July 14**.

Make checks payable to the Ozark Empire Fair.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Number of entries _____ @ \$25 each. Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Class number						
Type of Hay						
Variety						
Cutting Date (month/day)						
Previous Cutting Date, if 2nd or 3rd cutting						
Field Size						
Bales per Acre This Cutting						
Average Weight per Bale						
Preservative or Drying Agents Used						
Fertilizer Treatment (Total Amount)						