

**MINNESOTA PERENNIAL RYEGRASS WINTER HARDINESS
PERFORMANCE TRIAL INSTRUCTIONS - 2008**

The procedures to be followed in the 2008 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station **perennial ryegrass winter hardiness** performance trial are as follows:

A. Eligibility of Entries

1. Experimental entries

Application for testing will be made by company designation (name and number). Parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 must be completed on the attached "Application for Entry" form. The company is obligated to notify the testing station if the experimental designation is changed or a variety name assigned.

2. Released varieties

Application for testing will be made by the variety name or number. The company requesting a test will submit the information required on parts 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the attached "Application for Entry" form.

B. Right to Reject

The testing station reserves the right to reject an application when:

1. The seed arrives late.
2. Sufficient seed is not available for the trials.
3. It is known that the seed is misrepresented.
4. Facilities are not available.
5. Sufficient data are already available on a released variety.

The Experiment Station reserves the right to NOT initiate the test for winter hardiness of perennial ryegrass.

C. Entry Fee

The entry fee for the for the perennial ryegrass winter hardiness performance trial is \$150.00. If the entry(s) are accepted for testing, a letter regarding payment of the fee for testing will be sent to you.

D. Description and Location of Test

The test will be seeded at two locations (Roseau and Rosemount or St. Paul, Minnesota) with a minimum of four replications. Standard varieties will be included for comparison. Winter injury will be visually rated during April-May, 2009. Additional information may be obtained.

E. Approval of Application

The testing station will notify the applicant of the rejection of its application in writing within a reasonable time after receipt of the application.

F. Deadline for Seed Entry

Seed shall be supplied to the testing station by **July 15, 2008** of both experimentals and varieties. Seed may be considered for inclusion in the trials after this date if the testing station is notified and concurs.

G. Seed Requirements for Testing

The entrant will submit a minimum of 25-grams(or less by prior agreement) of perennial ryegrass seed properly labeled. The entrant by signing the "Application for Entry" form is certifying the seed is a true sample of the designated experimental entry or is representative of the variety being sold.

H. Use of Seed

Seed received for testing experimental entries will NOT be used for increase, selection or distribution by the testing station.

I. Publication of Results

The testing station will summarize the data and make appropriate statistical analyses. Each entrant will be provided with a summary of data for the entries and check varieties. The information will be made available upon request to other researchers and forage producers. If you do NOT want information on the winter hardiness of your experiments made available, please submit this request in writing at the time of application.

The information on released varieties and experimentals will be made available for general distribution and in the Progress Report on Grass-Legume Seed Production Research at Roseau, Mn.