

**MINNESOTA GRASS AND LEGUME SEED PRODUCTION
PERFORMANCE TRIALS-INSTRUCTIONS - 2008**

The procedures to be followed in the 2008 Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station **grass and legume seed production** performance trials 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.
6. The species is not being seeded in the current year

C. Entry Fee

The entry fee for the grass and legume seed production performance trial is \$400.00 (\$200.00 for perennial ryegrass). 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 in Roseau, Minnesota with a minimum of four replications. Standard varieties will be included for comparison. Seed yields will be taken for three years after the seeding year, unless the stands become unproductive earlier. Perennial ryegrass testing is only for a one production year. Additional information on maturity, disease resistance, lodging, winter injury, etc. may be obtained.

E. Species to be Tested

Grass and legume varieties to be included in the seed production performance trials may include Kentucky Bluegrass, Timothy, Reed Canarygrass, Fine Fescue, Tall Fescue, Meadow Fescue, Perennial Ryegrass, Smooth Bromegrass, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Cicer Milkvetch, and other species of interest to commercial seed companies and seed processing operators. The Experiment Station reserves the right to NOT initiate tests of all mentioned species.

F. 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.

G. Deadline for Seed Entry

Seed shall be supplied to the testing station by May 1, 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.

H. Seed Requirements for Testing

The entrant will submit a 75-gram(or lesser amount with prior agreement) sample of 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.

I. Use of Seed

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

J. 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 experiment station will publish the results for presentation at the annual Grass-Legume Seed Institute in Roseau, Minnesota in March of each year. In addition, the information will be made available upon request to other seed producers. If you do NOT want information on the seed production data of your experiments made available, please submit this request in writing at the time of application. The information on released varieties and experimental entries will be made available for general distribution in the Progress Report on Seed Production Research for the Grass-Legume Seed Institute.