

Minnesota Alfalfa Trials-2009

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To: Alfalfa Developers and Marketers

From: Craig Sheaffer, and Joshua Larson

Re: 2009 Alfalfa Performance Trial Applications

Attached are detailed descriptions of the 2009 trials. We want to call attention to the following:

- New yield trials will be seeded at Rosemount, Lamberton, and Stearns County, MN. The price per entry for all trials is \$525 for varieties and \$400 for experimentals.
- Forage quality testing will be conducted at Rosemount, MN. Crude protein (CP), NDF digestibility, Relative Forage Quality (RFQ), and Milk2006 values will be reported. The rates are \$525 per entry; however if you enter a variety in both the Rosemount yield trial and the forage quality trial, the price is \$850 for varieties and \$750 for experimentals.
- The University of Minnesota is using a new accounting system. Please submit the application as before with an estimate of your total. Send no payment. We will bill you when we receive your applications.

We greatly appreciate your participation in our past trials and hope you continue to enter in the future. Alfalfa variety trials are a valuable source of information for producers, agricultural professionals, and the alfalfa industry. Over 60,000 copies of our results are distributed in the *Minnesota Variety Trials* and the *Agri News* paper for southern Minnesota. Our results are also available on the web at www.maes.umn.edu and www.extension.umn.edu/forages/.

For questions regarding our trials, email us at sheaf001@umn.edu or larso276@umn.edu.