

Table 1. Hay Judging Score Cards.

HAY SAMPLE NO.

			Possible Scores For Types Of Usage				SAMPLE SCORE
			General	Beef	Horse	Dairy	
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS							
1. PROTEIN		MAX =	50	25	40	45	
Prime	>19%		45-50	24-25	35-40	40-45	
	17-19%		38-44	19-23	29-34	30-39	
	14-16%		24-37	15-18	21-28	20-29	_____
	11-13%		15-23	10-14	14-20	10-19	
	8-10		5-14	5-9	7-13	6-9	
Poor	<8%		0-4	2-4	0-6	0-5	
2. RELATIVE FEED VALUE		MAX =	50	75	60	55	
Prime	>151		45-50	70-75	51-60	50-55	
	125-151		38-44	58-69	41-50	44-49	
	101-124		24-37	43-57	31-40	33-43	_____
	86-100		15-23	28-42	21-30	20-32	
	77-85		5-14	13-27	11-20	7-19	
Fair	<77		0-4	0-12	0-10	0-6	
SUBTOTAL (1 and 2)		MAX =	100	100	100	100	
APPEARANCE, SMELL, & FEEL							
3. LEAFINESS		MAX =	30	25	15	30	
1. Very leafy			27-30	18-25	14-15	27-30	
2. Leafy			22-26	16-17	11-13	22-26	_____
3. Slightly stemmy			17-21	14-15	5-10	11-21	
4. Stemmy			0-16	10-13	0-4	0-10	
4. MATURITY AT HARVEST		MAX =	25	20	15	30	
1. Before bloom or heading			18-25	19-20	14-15	27-30	
2. Early bloom or early heading			16-17	17-18	11-13	22-26	_____
3. Mid-to-late bloom or heading			14-15	15-16	5-10	11-21	
4. Ripe Seed			5-13	10-14	0-4	0-10	
5. ODOR		MAX =	15	15	20	10	
1. Clean			14-15	14-15	19-20	10	
2. Dusty			11-13	11-13	17-18	8-9	_____
3. Moldy/Mousey			8-10	7-10	15-16	4-7	
4. Burnt			0-7	4-6	0-14	0-3	
6. COLOR		MAX =	10	15	15	10	
1. Natural green color			10	14-15	14-15	10	
2. Light green/slightly brown			8-9	11-13	11-13	8-9	_____
3. Yellow to brownish			4-7	5-10	5-10	4-7	
4. Brown or black			0-3	0-4	0-4	0-3	
7. SOFTNESS		MAX =	10	15	20	10	
1. Very soft and pliable			9-10	14-15	17-20	9-10	
2. Soft			7-8	11-13	11-16	7-8	_____
3. Slightly harsh			5-6	5-10	5-10	5-6	
4. Harsh and brittle			0-4	0-4	0-4	0-4	
8. PURITY (Other Forages)		MAX =	5	5	5	5	
1. < 5%			4-5	5	5	5	
2. 5 to 20%			2-3	2-4	2-4	2-4	_____
3. > 20%			0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	
9. CONDITION OF BALE		MAX =	5	5	10	5	
1. Well-shaped & firm			4-5	4-5	7-10	4-5	
2. Somewhat misshapen			2-3	2-3	3-6	2-3	_____
3. Badly misshapen & broken			0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	
10. PENALTIES MAX NEGATIVE POINTS =		MAX =	35	35	35	35	
1. Molds			0-20	0-20	0-20	0-20	
2. Weeds			0-5	0-5	0-5	0-5	_____
3. Dirt/Other Foreign Matter			0-10	0-10	0-10	0-10	
4. Excessively Moist or Dry			0-25	0-30	0-35	0-35	
SUBTOTAL (3 through 10)		MAX =	100	100	100	100	
TOTAL (1 through 10)		MAX =	200	200	200	200	

General Scoring:

180 & Above = Excellent; 160 - 179 = Good; 130 - 159 = Fair; Below 130 = Poor.