

WISCONSIN DAIRY TAKES TOP HONORS IN WORLD FORAGE ANALYSIS SUPERBOWL

Alex and Mary Olson of Breezy Hill Dairy, Dallas, WI, took **Grand Champion Forage** honors at the early October World Forage Analysis Superbowl at World Dairy Expo. The dairy farmers took home \$2,500 in cash prizes with their entry, a Pioneer P9789AMXT standard corn silage hybrid. The **Grand Champion First-Time Entrant** was Judd Farms, Waterville, MN, which also entered a standard corn silage hybrid, Pioneer P0157AMX.

Grand Champion Dairy Hay first-place winners were Donald and Nancy Hasselquist, Osceola, WI, who entered a HarvXtra alfalfa boasting of a relative forage quality (RFQ) of 281. Second place went to S & B Dairy, Sigel, IL; third place, Harry F. Adams Jr., Byron, IL; fourth place, Gene Nehls, Hustisford, WI; and fifth place, Triple P Farms, Effingham, IL.

The **Grand Champion Organic Hay** category was dominated by Wisconsin farmers. First-place finisher was Joseph Beachy, Bonduel, who entered a Byron Seed tall fescue that tested at an RFQ of 232. Second place went to Opportunity Acres, Lena; third place, Luisier Lane Farm, Lena; fourth place, Wilke R Organic Farm, Sturgeon Bay; and fifth place, Blue Collar Holsteins, Cuba City.

The **Grand Champion Grass Hay** top finisher was frequent winner Lazy 2K Livestock, Wheatland, WY, whose Buffalo Brand scored an RFQ of 264. Taking second place was Rosedale Seeds, Oxford, WI; third place, Cozy Nook Farm, Waukesha, WI; fourth place, Pounder Bros Inc, Delevan, WI; and fifth place, David Blank, Ixonia, WI.

The **Grand Champion Haylage** category's top winners were also all from Wisconsin. First place went to Opportunity Acres, Lena, which entered a KF Allegro Italian Ryegrass with an RFQ of 274. Second place went to Daryl Payne, Sullivan; third place, Brown Star Farm, Gillett; fourth place, Den Mar Acres, Greenleaf; and fifth place, Twin Cities View Dairy, Manitowoc.

Grand Champion Standard Corn Silage was won by Wojceihowski Bros Farm, Porterfield, WI, which submitted a Masters Choice hybrid, MC-4050. Second-place finisher was Martin Vanderstappen, Lake Geneva, WI; third place, Hinsch Farms, Goodhue, MN; fourth place, Prairieland Dairy, Belleville, WI; and fifth place, Linder Farms, Stockholm, WI.

Grand Champion BMR Corn Silage winner was Baier Creek Farms, Elmwood, WI, with Mycogen's BMR10B27RA hybrid. Second place went to Daystar Dairy, Little Falls, MN; third place, Chaffee Farms, Barker, NY; fourth place, Co-Vale Holsteins, Preble, NY; and fifth place, Tayl-Wind Farm LLC, Cassville, NY.

Grand Champion Baleage winner was Katherine Guither, Walnut, IL, with a WL365HQ variety scoring an RFQ of 285. Second-place finisher was Brandenburg Hay and Cattle, Monticello, IL; third place, Kendall Guither, Walnut, IL; fourth place, Pounder Bros Inc, Delevan, WI; and fifth place, Darin Cox, Merom, WI.

The **Grand Champion Commercial Hay** top finisher was Hardrock Farms, Wheatland, WY. This perennial winner grew Nexgrow 6422Q, which tested at 341 RFQ and 28.52% crude protein. Second place went to Kamps Alfalfa Farms, Darlington, WI; third place, Lazy 2K Livestock, Wheatland, WY; fourth place, Kendel Davis, Center, CO; fifth place, Rooster Ranch, Casper, WY.

Quality Counts winners were Fredrick Farms, Owen, WI, for corn silage, and Prairieland Dairy LLC, Belleville, WI, for hay/haylage.

The event drew a record-breaking 1,066 entries. Sponsors were led by Mycogen Seeds followed by category sponsors Ag-Bag, Agri-King, Agrisure Traits, Barenbrug USA, Blue River Hybrids, Croplan by WinField United, Kemin, Kuhn North America, Nexgrow Alfalfa, and W-L Research. Additional support was received from the National Hay Association and Passion Ag, Inc. Organizing partners for the contest included *DairyBusiness Communications*, Dairyland Laboratories, Inc., *Hay & Forage Grower*, U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and World Dairy Expo. Full contest results can be found [here](#).



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