

Hay and Forage (Haylage and Silage)

(Not a State Fair Project)

(To enroll in the Hay and Forage project, select Crops: Hay and Forage in 4HOnline.)

Project Levels:

Beginner: Grades 3, 4 and 5

Intermediate: Grades 6, 7 and 8

Advanced: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Exhibit Requirements

All Levels: Choose one of the following options:

- Option 1:
Exhibit at least **one section of dry hay, or forage plant material (silage or haylage)** (not to exceed 6" thick) in a see-through plastic bag or poster sleeve. Poster sleeves work well and are available at the Extension Office.

The dry hay/haylage/silage exhibit can be from the prior year's crop. There will be three categories: Dry Hay, Haylage and Silage

Attach an information card to your exhibit, giving the following information:

1. Variety or hybrid and number (if applicable) _____
2. Date of planting (if applicable) _____

- **Option 2:**
Create an informational poster about hay/forage or hay/forage usage. Poster exhibits must be displayed horizontally, sized 22" x 28" foam-core board or poster board mounted on a firm backing, and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Topics may include but are not limited to: types of hay/forages, planting hay/forages, harvesting hay/forages, types of equipment used for harvesting and baling, hay baling safety tips, nutritional value of hay/forages for animals, agronomy, and agricultural careers related to hay/forages, etc.
- All posters, notebooks, and display boards **must** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.
- All levels **MUST** submit a completed record sheet signed by your 4-H Club Leader along with your exhibit at project check-in at the fair.