



**2015 BALAGE NEWSLETTER/FORAGE TESTS FROM MYERS FARM  
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**2015 Summary**

Each year has new challenges that are faced, and obstacles to be overcome. 2015 was not an exception with having a cold, late spring and then very marginal drying weather for the first and second cuttings.

We strive for perfection. Our goal is that all of our alfalfa balage will have a relative feed value in excess of 150, and a protein content in excess of 20%. We did meet our goal of all of the balage being over 20% protein. But about 15 acres of our total production this year was under the 150 relative feed value.

We are a family farm which strives to have repeat business from year to year charging a fair price while producing excellent quality. We told the technician taking the samples what cuttings are where. He chose the bales for the samples. These results are as close to field run results as can possibly be provided for you.

**New for 2015 – Alfalfa/Wheat First Cutting Balage followed by Dwarf, Extra Leafy BMR Sorghum-Sudangrass Balage:**

Our main farm enterprise is producing high quality alfalfa balage. Traditionally, corn and soybeans have been rotational crops grown primarily to rotate out of alfalfa and then the fields are returned to alfalfa production after one year of each. We've modified that rotation with growing a year of Sorghum-Sudangrass instead of corn after harvesting a first cutting of alfalfa-wheat balage, then a year of soybeans, and then going back to alfalfa. This year we tried something new with the dwarf, extra leafy BMR Sorghum-Sudangrass. It is extremely leafy, and the course stems typical of other Sorghum-Sudangrass varieties are a thing of the past. We had three cuttings this year.

[First Cutting – Dwarf, Extra Leafy BMR Sorghum-Sudangrass 2015](#)

[Second Cutting – Dwarf, Extra leafy BMR Sorghum-Sudangrass – 2015](#)

[Third Cutting – Dwarf, Extra Leafy BMR Sorghum-Sudangrass – 2015](#)

**2015 Alfalfa Forage Tests:**

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[First Cutting Alfalfa-Wheat - 2015](#)

[First Cutting Alfalfa - 2015](#)

[Third Cutting Alfalfa - 2015](#)

[Fourth Cutting Alfalfa - 2015](#)

[Second Cutting Alfalfa - 2015 Test 1](#)

[Second Cutting Alfalfa – 2015 Test 2](#)

[Second Cutting Alfalfa - 2015 Test 3](#)

[Fifth Cutting Alfalfa – 2015](#)

[Fifth Cutting Alfalfa/Forage Oats - 2015](#)