**Hay Quality Sensory Evaluation Form – Alfalfa** (≤10% grass)

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### Entry no.  
Class/intended use:  
Cutting:  
Bale size/type:  
(Dairy, TMR, feeder, horse, feed store, export, etc.)  
Probe moisture %:  

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#### 1. Package functionality (max. 10)

- A. Bale tie effectiveness/spacing/tension  
  5-0  
- B. Bale shape/density/transportability  
  5-0

#### 2. Odor (max. 20)

- A. New-mown/sweet to neutral  
  20-10  
- B. Preservative-treated or fermented  
  20-0  
- C. Caramelized/heat-damaged  
  14-0  
- D. Musty to moldy, other objectionable  
  14-0

#### 3. Maturity stage (max. 15)

- A. Pre-bud; vegetative  
  15  
- B. Bud; early to late  
  14-12  
- C. Bloom; early to late  
  11-5  
- D. Seed; green to ripe/shattering  
  4-0

#### 4. Foreign material, dust, soil, rocks, stubble, weeds, & non-crop species (max. 15)

- A. Clean  
  15-12  
- B. 1–5% &/or dusty (from soil or mold)  
  11-6  
- C. >5% &/or injurious  
  5-0  

*Also see noxious/poisonous/injurious in No. 7*

#### 5. Forage texture & condition (max. 30)

- A. Texture; soft/pliable to tough/brittle  
  6-0  
- B. Leaf concentration; leafy to leafless  
  6-0  
- C. Stem diameter; fine to coarse  
  6-0  
- D. Leaf attachment; retained to detached  
  6-0  
- E. Leaf & flake integrity; intact/cohesive to pulverized/loose  
  6-0  

*Moldy/weathered/spoiled (penalty)*  
-1 to -30

#### 6. Color & uniformity (max. 10)

- A. Natural green of crop  
  10-8  
- B. Light green to bleached  
  7-5  
- C. Yellow to brown to black/grey/white (moldy)  
  4-0  

*Non-uniform; streaked/blotchy/brownleaf (penalty)*  
-1 to -4

#### 7. Penalties (max. -100)

- A. Noxious weeds/seeds, poisonous plants  
  -10 to -100  
- B. Moisture % >18 (small), >16 (large) if untreated  
  -1 to -100  
- C. Injurious/objectionable not noted above  
  -1 to -100

**Total score**  
100