



Western Colorado Research Center  
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TO: Alfalfa seed companies

Alfalfa is an important component of agricultural systems throughout Colorado including western Colorado. Evaluating varieties under local production conditions provides site-specific information that is useful to local alfalfa growers or growers in similar environments and growing conditions.

Western Colorado Research Center located in Fruita CO is initiating an alfalfa variety trial in fall 2017. The seed companies and/or their representative are invited to submit their commercial or experimental varieties for testing in this trial. This trial will last three years (2017-2020). We aim to provide the reliable, unbiased, and up-to-date information that help growers toward selecting appropriate varieties.

The trial will be furrow irrigated; will be conducted in a Randomized Complete Block Design with four replications; and will be managed with the routine management practices for the region. The first cut forage will be used to determine forage quality characteristics. Roundup Ready and conventional varieties will be placed into separate experiments. Results of this trial will be published on the CSU Crops Testing website as well as in the annual technical reports.

The entry form for the alfalfa variety trial is attached. The fee for each entry is \$400. Please fill out the entry form and returned to us via email, fax, or regular mail (please see next page for details).

The completed entry form, checks, and seeds should be received no later than August 15, 2017 (We will need at least 500 g seed for each variety). Please make checks payable to Colorado State University.

Sincerely,

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**2017 Entry Form: Western Colorado alfalfa variety performance trial**

Company name:

Submitted by:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**Deadline:**

Entry form, payment, and seeds received by August 15, 2017  
(please make check payable to Colorado State University).

**Send entry form, checks, and seeds to:**

Attn: 2017 Alfalfa Variety Trial  
1910 L Road  
Fruita, CO 81521  
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Brand name as it will appear in the result tables:

#	Entry name	Commercial or experimental	Conventional or Roundup-Ready	Fall-dormancy rating	Winter survival rating	Stem nematode rating	Bacterial wilting rating
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

Number of Entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$400.00 = Fee total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that:

- The seed supplied for the commercial varieties entered is representative in quality of the seed of the same variety as offered for sale to Colorado farmers for the 2017 crop or is an experimental number.
- This seed is properly labeled as to treatments and is true to the commercial variety to be marketed.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:

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