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TO: Forage Sorghum Seed Companies

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Enclosed is the entry form for the 2019 forage sorghum hybrid performance trials to be conducted by Colorado State University. Colorado State University promotes crop variety testing as a service to Colorado's crop producers who depend on us for unbiased and reliable crop variety performance information to make better sorghum hybrid selection decisions. We take pride in producing results that can be trusted as we maintain high standards for reporting and trial integrity. Results of the trials are published on the Colorado State University Crops Testing website and in the annual Technical Report. The results of the sorghum performance trials conducted in 2018 can be found on-line at <https://csucrops.agsci.colostate.edu/sorghum> along with sorghum performance trials conducted in previous years.

In 2019, there will be two forage sorghum trials: Rocky Ford (limited-irrigation) and Walsh (dryland). The 2019 entry fee the forage sorghum is \$345 per entry per trial. A forage nutritional analysis will be done at Dairyland Labs for each entry and will include relative feed value, crude protein, total digestible nutrients, net energy values, acid and neutral detergent fibers, and total digestible nutrients. Other data that will be collected and reported includes forage yield, plant lodging (if applicable), plant height, and stem sugar content.

The attached MS Excel entry form can be filled out and returned by attaching it to an email to sally.jones@colostate.edu. The entry form can be downloaded from the CSU Crops Testing website at <https://csucrops.agsci.colostate.edu/sorghum>. You can also fill out the form, print and mail it with your payment to Colorado State University. We ask that entries please be treated with fungicide and herbicide safeners so that we may avoid pathogen and weed issues.

The completed **entry form** is due on or before **April 5, 2019**. The entry fee is **\$345** per entry per location, and the payment is due on or before **April 19, 2019**.

Please make check payable to **Colorado State University**.

Send entry form and check to:

Sally Jones-Diamond
CSU Crops Testing Program
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Phone: (970) 214-4611
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Send seed to:

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Seed should arrive in Akron by **April 19, 2019**. Please send a minimum of 1 pound/entry for each trial.