The Producer should select the type of hay to be tested. NAHMS is only offering testing of baled hay, not haylage, baleage, or silage. The forage the cow herd is currently being fed is preferred. The selected forage should be from the same field and cutting number (e.g., second cutting from a specific field—this will be referred to as a “lot”). Multiple bales should be sampled from the same lot, and at least 12 cores should be collected and combined in a bucket. After mixing the core samples in a bucket, fill one quart sized Ziploc® bag with the mixed hay. There will be leftover hay in the bucket.

Please answer the questions below. Provide a complete description of the forage type in 1.a below and provide the information necessary to complete 1.c and 1.d below. [Data collector: Complete item 1.b by using the forage table provided to you to categorize the information in 1.a into one of the available categories.]

1. a. Describe the predominant forage type submitted: __________________________________
   b. Forage type from table: ___________________________
   c. Cutting number where applicable: ___________________________
   d. Month and year when harvested ____/_______ (mm/yyyy)

2. Was this forage purchased or raised on this operation? □ 1 Purchased □ 2 Raised

3. Bale type
   □ 1 Small square
   □ 2 Large square
   Estimate weight: ________ (pounds)
   Estimate size (feet): _____ (length) x _____ (width) x _____ (height)
   □ 3 Round bale
   Estimate weight: ________ (pounds)
   Estimate size (feet): _____ (diameter) x _____ (width)

4. Storage
   □ 1 Uncovered/unprotected
   □ 2 Plastic bonnet (placed on top of the bale and held on with fasteners—does not go all the way around)
   □ 3 Plastic sleeve (goes all the way around the curved part of bale—ends are uncovered)
   □ 4 In stack under tarp
   □ 5 In barn or shed
   □ 6 Other (specify: ________________________________)

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## Forage Table for Question 1b.

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<th>Forage Type: (Enter one of the seven options below for Question 1b)</th>
<th>Examples</th>
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<td>1. Legume</td>
<td>Alfalfa, clover, birdsfoot trefoil, hairy vetch, lespedeza</td>
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<td>2. Mixed, mostly legume</td>
<td>This hay is mostly from legumes mixed with grass or small grain forages</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Grass</td>
<td>Brome, Bermuda grass, fescue, bluegrass, orchardgrass, sudangrass, sorghum sudangrass, timothy, ryegrass, bluestem, switchgrass, indiangrass, reed canarygrass</td>
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<td>4. Mixed, mostly grass</td>
<td>This hay is mostly from grass mixed with legumes or small grain forages</td>
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<td>5. Small grains or cereal grains</td>
<td>Hay from wheat, oats, rye, barley, triticale</td>
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<td>6. Mixed, mostly small grains</td>
<td>This hay is mostly from small grains mixed with legumes or grass</td>
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<td>7. Other (please describe)</td>
<td>_______________________________</td>
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### Data Collector:

Send the **YELLOW COPY** of the Forage Collection Record along with the forage sample to the DAIRY ONE lab in Ithaca, NY.

Send the **WHITE COPY** of the Forage Collection Record and the Producer Agreement to your NAHMS Coordinator.

Leave the **PINK COPY** of the Forage Collection Record with the Producer.