The Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station will accept proprietary varieties and experimental strains of annual forages for evaluation at East Lansing in 2015.

1. **Description of Trials.** **Annual Grass Forage Variety Trial**
   - **Locations:** MSU Research Farm at East Lansing, Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham
   - **Management:** Spring or mid-summer seeding depending on soil and weather conditions
   - **Harvests:** Multiple harvests anticipated
   - **Data Collected:** Yield in seeding year and winter survival

   Standard Trials are seeded with a Carter small plot nursery seeder with six-inch spaces between rows in plots 5 feet wide and at least 20 feet long. A minimum of four replications is used. The trials are harvested with a Carter self-propelled forage flail harvester.

   Michigan State University will conduct the trials in a professional manner but assumes no financial liability for failure to obtain stands or loss of stands due to uncontrollable conditions.

2. **Eligibility of Entrants.** Private developers or merchandisers of grass varieties or other Agricultural Experiment Stations may enter varieties or experimental strains. The developing firm (unit) or merchandising may make the application for the entry company.

3. **Rejection.** Any entry may be rejected if:
   - (1) There is misrepresentation. A minimum of 10 entries may be required to hold a test. If the trial is cancelled, payment will be returned.
   - (2) Seed arrives too late for planting.
   - (3) Adequate seed is not available.
   - (4) The trial is cancelled.
   - (5) Seed is a blend.

4. **Entry Fee.** $275.00 per entry.
   **Make checks payable to** Michigan State University/Annual Grass Trials and send to Dr. Kim Cassida or Joe Paling, Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, 1066 Bogue Street, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

5. **Deadline for Entry.** The applications must be in the possession of Dr. Kim Cassida (517) 355-0278 **Cassida@msu.edu** or Joe Paling (517) 355-2287, FAX (517) 353-3515, **Paling@msu.edu**, Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824, by May 1, 2015.

6. **Seed Required.** Seed must be received at MSU by May 1, 2015. Arrangements may be made with MSU to deliver commercial seed through local dealers, distributors, or other sources. If germination rates are above 90% the following weights per trial apply:
   - **Wheat** – 800 g seed
   - **Barley** – 800 g seed
   - **Rye** – 800 g seed
   - **Annual Ryegrass** – 400 g seed
   - **Italian Ryegrass** – 400 g seed
   - **Triticale** – 800 g seed
   - **Oats** – 800 g seed
   - **Crabgrass** – 400 g seed
   - **Teffgrass** – 200 g seed
   - **Forage sorghums & sudangrass** – 500 g seed

7. **Publication.** Data will be analyzed statistically and summarized annually. Each entrant will receive
a yearly summary of the data. The results will be published by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and the Michigan State University Extension Service and will be posted on the MSU Variety Trial website http://www.varietytrials.msu.edu/forage.
Dr. Kim Cassida, Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Submit one form for each variety or entry and send to the address below by May 1, 2015.

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Only genetically reproducible seed will be accepted. Blends will not be accepted.

Marketer (commercial entries only) Breeder

Company ____________________________ Company ____________________________
Contact ____________________________ Contact ____________________________
Address ____________________________ Address ____________________________
City, State ZIP ________________________ City, State ZIP ________________________
Phone/FAX __________________________ Phone/FAX __________________________
E-Mail address _______________________ E-Mail address _______________________

3. Name or number of entry ______________________________________________________
   (Please indicate name desired when data are reported)

4. Brief description _______________________________________________________________

   Is this a released variety? Yes No

5. Maturity (circle one)
   Early Medium Medium-late Late

6. Ploidy level (Ryegrass) _________

7. Rust Resistance Yes No

TEST
Date of Test __________________________ $275.00 ______
Purity ________________________________
Germination __________________________

Send entry forms and check (payable to Michigan State University/Grass Trials) for all locations to:
Dr. Kim Cassida or Joe Paling, Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences, 1066 Bogue Street, 286 Plant and Soil Science Building, East Lansing, Michigan, 48824.
E-mail Cassida@msu.edu or Paling@msu.edu