

## Grass Variety Trial Information Available

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Most people are aware of the availability of university alfalfa variety trial information in their respective states, however, most grazers are unaware of the information available for grass variety selection in these publications. Grass variety trials are a valuable resource which enable producers to make informed decisions when selecting grass varieties and are often underutilized.

The University of Wisconsin (<http://cecommerce.uwex.edu/pdfs/A1525.PDF>) and the University of Minnesota (<http://www.maes.umn.edu/maespubs/vartrial/vt-cntnt.html>) offer extensive evaluation of grass varieties. Most cool-season perennial grasses are evaluated.

The UW trials evaluate yield, maturity and rust resistance. Intake measurements are made and palatability is measured using grazing animals. UW trials are done at Lancaster. Hard copies of the UW results are available from the Wisconsin County Extension Offices. Ask for Forage Variety Update for Wisconsin (Publication A1525).

The UM trials evaluate yield and winter injury. UM trials are carried out at Rosemount, Grand Rapids and Morris. Hard copies of the UM trial results are available at the Minnesota County Extension Offices. Ask for Minnesota Varietal Trials Results (Publication MR-07314-GO).

UW offers previous years grass variety results at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/forage/alf04.htm>. UM offers some previous years results at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/topics.html?topic=4&subtopic=37>. NDSU offers some annual and perennial cool season grass evaluation at <http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/aginfo/variety/forages.htm>.