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TO: Forage and Sweet Sorghum Seed Companies

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Enclosed is the entry form for the 2016 forage and sweet 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. Results of the trials are published on the Colorado State University Crops Testing website, in the annual Technical Report, and in a special edition of the High Plains Journal in early 2017. The results of the sorghum performance trials conducted in 2015 can be found on-line at www.csucrops.com along with sorghum performance trials conducted in previous years.

In 2016, there will be two forage sorghum trials: Rocky Ford (limited irrigation) and Walsh (dryland). The 2016 entry fee the forage sorghum is \$330 per entry per trial. A forage nutritional analysis will be done 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 digital entry form can be filled out and returned to us via email when you use the submit button on the bottom of the entry form. You can also fill out the form, print, and either fax or mail it with your payment to Colorado State University. The entry form can also be downloaded from the CSU Crop Testing website under Sorghum at www.csucrops.com. 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 15, 2016**. The entry fee is **\$330** per entry per location, and the payment is due on or before **May 4, 2016**.

Please make check payable to **Colorado State University** and mail to:

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Send seed to:

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Seed should arrive in Akron by **May 4, 2016**.
Please send a minimum of 2 pounds/entry for each trial.