American Forage and Grassland Council
Forage Bowl Rules

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Competitors
- Competitors must meet one of the following criteria to compete:
  o Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at a college or university in the United States.
  o Earned an undergraduate degree from a U.S. college or university but have not completed a semester of graduate work before the National Forage Bowl Competition.
- Competitors can be any age and studying any major
- Combining of teams is allowed between regional schools only when approved by the Forage Bowl Committee

Question Origin
- Questions will be taken from the sources listed in the 2013 study materials.
- The only correct answer will be the one listed in the books identified as study materials.

Game Format
- Games are limited to 2 teams of 2-4 students on each team. Bracket style tournament will be set up by the Forage Bowl Committee. Reigning champions will get a first round bye if needed for even play.
- Games will consist of 6 categories with 5 questions each of varying value.
- Students will select a value and the ANSWER will be read. Students must activate their buzzer and give the proper QUESTION.
  Example: History for $100
    Answer: This cool season perennial grass was first discovered on a hillside in Menifee county KY in 1931 by E.N. Fergus
    Question: What is Kentucky 31 Tall Fescue?
- The last team to answer correctly will select the next category and value.
- Each game will have 2 “Daily Double” questions in which the team that selected the question will be allowed to wager an amount on the question. The daily double can be discussed among the team and the answered 10 seconds after the moderator has completed reading the answer. Teams with negative score can wager 500 during a daily double.
- Teams that did not select the “Daily Double” will not be allowed to answer, regardless of the outcome of the selecting teams answer.
- Each game will have one “Final Jeopardy” question as the final question. In Final Jeopardy, the category will be given, teams will discuss and write their wagers on paper provided, the answer will be read and then teams will have 1 minute to discuss and write their question on paper provided.
  - Teams can wager their negative amount in final jeopardy, giving them a total of 0 if answered correctly.
- All correct questions in Final Jeopardy will be credited with the amount wagered and incorrect will be charged the wagered amount.
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- A shootout round will be used to break any ties. One student from each team (working in order from middle of stage out) will answer a question. If both answer correctly or incorrectly, another question will be asked to the next student on each team until the tie is broken.
- If pressed for time, the moderator can elect to end the game early and go straight to the Final Jeopardy.

Answering
- Students may buzz in at anytime but the moderator will stop reading and the student must answer at that time.
- Students may not answer until called upon.
- Students must answer in the “What is…..” format.
- If a student fails to offer the proper question or does not state it in the proper format, the next student from another team to buzz in will be allowed to answer.
- Students may not discuss the answer except in final jeopardy.

Forage Bowl Judges
- Judges for the competition will be determined and identified before the start of the competition
- The judges’ collective decision on the correctness or clarity of a question is final.

Summary of Timer Rules
- 10 seconds after question is read for a team to buzz in
- 5 seconds after a missed questions for the opposing team to buzz in
- 5 seconds after being call upon to answer, no team discussions
- 10 seconds to discuss and answer for daily doubles
- 60 seconds to discuss and write answer for final Jeopardy
Forage Bowl Study Guide

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Sources for potential Forage Bowl Questions:

2) Identification and Adaptation, Common Grasses, Legumes and Non-leguminous Forbs of the Eastern United States. Abaye.

3) Forages, An Introduction to Grassland Agriculture, Volume 1. Sixth Edition. Barnes, Nelson, Collins and Moore. (*Note: Volume 2 has been removed*)

Sources of information are listed in order of importance, so encourage students to begin with Southern Forages and Identification and Adaptation. All questions have been reviewed and approved by the Forage Bowl Committee. Judges have the right to deem a question unfair or unclear during the competition.

Each game will include questions from 6 of the following categories:
1) History
2) Soils and Fertility
3) Establishment
4) Grazing Management
5) Plant Physiology
6) Poisons and Toxicity
7) Forage Quality
8) Hay and Silage
9) Identification – *ID questions may come from the Abaye book or Southern forages, chapters 5-9 and 24.*