



## 4000+ milk/ton samples win the Superbowl

Once again, Byron Seeds' customers dominate the World Dairy Expo's Forage Analysis Superbowl (FASB). Here is a recap: For 2 out of the last three years, Byron forages were Grand Champion Forage Overall and Grand Champion First Time Entrant (GCFTE) and each time the GCFTE was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> best forage in the show! One of the neatest things is that the 2016 winners were both grass and it is the first time a grass entrant was the overall Champ and not only that, the top two in 2014 and 2016.

In the 33-year history of the FASB, only 7 entries have topped the 4000 lbs. of Milk Per Ton (M/T) mark and every one of them was an entry from a Byron Seeds customer! And each of them was either all grass or mostly grass with either KingFisher (KF) Red Clover or KF Alfalfa. No BMR corn silage or monoculture alfalfa has ever achieved this level. Three Byron entries were over 4000 M/T in 2016 and 4 in 2014.

In 3 of the last 5 years, Masters Choice (MC) Hybrids have won the Grand Champion of the Standard Corn Silage Category. This year, MC was number 2 by 0.3 points out of nearly 100

Table One Average results by corn Company from 2016 FASB				
Corn Company	Category	Number	Starch	Milk/Ton
Mycogen	BMR	98	33.37	3563
Mycogen TMF	Standard	27	33.62	3388
Pioneer	BMR	12	33.81	3515
Pioneer	Standard	15	35.48	3329
Masters Choice	Standard	20	36.51	3603

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points awarded, but filled up the Top Ten with 7 finalists (nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) out of the 67 samples entered. MC also had 3 entries ranked higher than the best BMR. See Chart One for averages for the corn

companies with at least 12 entries. MC averaged about three percentage units more starch and higher M/T than any other of the competing hybrids.

Masters Choice also had the Quality Counts winner for the best Kd (rate of digestion) over all the almost 200 corn silages.

For the total FASB, Byron had the highest M/T among all corn silages and the four highest M/Ts among the hay crop entries.

Other Champions were the Baleage (along with Nos. 2, 3 and 5; the Grass Hay Champ along with nos. 2, 3 and 5. Also, in the Dairy Hay Category, Byron Customers had Nos.2, 3 and 5.

Yes, it is true that Byron is the source for great forage and GREAT FORAGE MEANS HEALTHY COWS!