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TO: Those interested in purchasing the CARC 2017 hay via bid
 FROM: Pat Carr, Superintendent/Associate Professor

The MSU Central Ag Research Center (CARC) is inviting bids to hay/buy the dryland alfalfa, perennial grass, hay barley, and hay winter wheat acres at the CARC facility west of Moccasin, MT. There are more than 60 acres of alfalfa, alfalfa-grass mix and grass, and more than 40 acres of hay barley and winter wheat. The barley was seeded late (well into May), so it will be ready for haying later than the alfalfa and the winter wheat hay, which we anticipate will be ready to hay as early as mid-June. The barley will likely be ready for haying in mid-July, assuming timely precipitation is received.

Hay will be sold on a share basis, with CARC's share being 50% of the hay that is harvested if yields are at least 2 tons/acre. If yields are less than 2 tons/acre, CARC's share declines according to the table below. The bidder must agree to purchase CARC's share for a minimum purchase price of \$60/ton. Bales must be removed from fields within 14 days after swathing and removed from the research center within 20 days after swathing, unless weather conditions at CARC prevent this time table from being met. Similarly, barley and winter wheat should be swathed within 8 days of heading to minimize the likelihood of viable seed forming prior to baling and hay removal, unless prohibitive weather conditions occur. In both instances, CARC will negotiate with the bidder for timely haying and removal of the bales from CARC.

Average Forage Yield	CARC Forage Share
lb/acre	%
Less than 1000	0
1000 to 2000	25
2000 to 3000	35
3000 to 3500	40
3500 to 3999	45
4000 or more	50

A minimum bid of \$35/acre will be acceptable. The highest bidder must have a current Montana Private Contractors License to hay any field at CARC. **Bids to purchase and hay CARC hay acres should be submitted at the CARC office or via phone to Lorrie Linhart on or before noon, June 16, 2017.**

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