

How do I join the NIRS Forage and Feed Testing Consortium? Follow the Following Steps:

- 1. Review the New Member Information Packet including these documents:**
 - a. How Do I Join**
 - b. New Member Set Up Checklist**
 - c. Classes of Membership**
 - d. Equation Descriptions**
 - e. Consortium Price Structure and Sign Up**
 - f. Pricing Structure Rebate Options**
 - g. New Member Information Form**

- 2. Complete the New Member Information Form and send to the Consortium Business Manager.**

- 3. Review your facility and be able to meet these requirements:**
 - a. Consortium members must have NIRS instruments that scan from 1100 to at least 2200 nm (currently the customary range).**
 - b. Laboratories must participate in instrument standardization protocols where applicable.** The standardization of all instruments is needed for labs to use equations provided by the Consortium.
 - c. Laboratories must have software capable of handling complex equations.**
 - d. Each lab is expected to do routine diagnostics daily and send a diagnostic report to the Consortium Technical Manager weekly.**
 - e. Labs are expected to provide samples of products as requested.**
This will ensure the spectra of samples being analyzed by all member laboratories is represented within the Consortium calibration libraries.
 - f. Labs conducting commercial testing of forage and feed products are expected to have membership for certification of their labs (NIRS and chemical when applicable) through the National Forage Testing Association (NFTA), and upon request supply laboratory ID's and results (confidentially) to the Consortium Technical Manager.**
 - g. Labs must follow equation usage protocols (see Guidelines for Accuracy and Consistency in NIRSC Laboratories document) and follow expiration date limits.**
 - h. Labs are expected to follow sample preparation protocols for NIRS scanning as recommended by NIRSC (see Guidelines document).**