



## NIRSC Forage & Feed Testing Consortium

### NIRSC Classes of Membership Approved February, 2007

#### 1. Regular Membership

- Annual fee \$2500
- Expected to participate by submitting spectra & samples
- Use NIRSC equations for commercial use
- Voting members

#### 2. Research/Non-Profit

- Annual fee \$1000
- A public entity, test non-commercial samples (= samples that may be from various sources, but the member does not receive money for testing the samples), and do not compete with commercial labs
- Use NIRSC equations for research and/or non-profit uses
- Expected to participate by submitting spectra & samples
- Do not make money from the use of NIRSC equations
- Voting members

#### 3. Sponsorship

- Annual fee \$1500
- A commercial entity
- Do not receive NIRSC equations
- Not required to pay new member set-up fee
- Contribute to NIRSC with expertise, collaboration, samples, spectra, etc., and want to expand the utility of NIRSC
- Voting members

#### 4. Collaborators

- No annual fee
- A public and non-profit entity
- Collaborate from a research and extension standpoint or act as a reference laboratory
- Letter of understanding of use required for loaned equations from NIRSC with approval of board
- Non-voting members

#### 5. Instrument Manufacturers

- Annual fee \$2000
- A commercial entity
- Not required to submit spectra or chemistry
- Receive NIRSC equations for demonstration purposes only
- Sign Research Agreement (and a specific research plan as appropriate; may be obligated to contribute money above and beyond annual fee if the specific research plan requires it)
- Not required to pay new membership fee
- Contribute to NIRSC with expertise, collaboration, and want to expand the utility of NIRSC; e.g. technical articles for newsletter, workshop presentations, NIRSC member contact
- Voting members
- Equal time on rotating annual basis on annual meeting agenda; display space included annually