Foraging Around





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Winter is a time for planning. Spring is a time for planting. Summer is a time for harvesting, looking, and learning. And this August, despite the heat and drought that has plagued us for

several weeks, there are still many opportunities for forage farmers to look and learn.

Here is a brief run-down on several of the upcoming forage related events you should be inter-

Ag Progress Days-August 13-15

Many of you will remember that today's Ag Progress Days got started many years ago as Forage Progress Days sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council in cooperation with Penn State University and many other organizations and agencies. The theme of this year's show is "Ag Science Touches Your Life", and features a host of activities covering all aspects of agricultural science and technology.

But there are still plenty of forage related events to wet your appetite. One traditional event, of course, is the PFGC-sponsored Pennsylvania Quality Hay Show. You're invited to send in or bring in a sample or samples of your best hay for judging and analysis. Samples should be at least 8" to 10" thick, larger is better, and must be delivered to the Hay Show Tent by 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 13. And unless disap-

proved by the exhibitor, top samples will be stored for exhibit in the Hay Show at the 1992 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

You can get details on the hay show as well as all of the other Ag Progress Days activities from your local county office.

Pasture/Grazing Field Day-August 27

And if you're interested in the latest in pasture production and management you won't want to miss the PFGC sponsored Pasture/ Grazing Field Day scheduled for August 27 at Penn State. Research and extension specialists in Agronomy and Dairy and Animal Science have teamed up for what is sure to be an exceptional educational experience. Activities will get underway about 9 A.M. at Penn State's Agricultural Arena and will include, in addition to several outstanding speakers, bus and wagon tours to both the Dairy

Grazing and Beef and Sheep Grazing research studies. And regardless of your livestock enterprise you'll have a great opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with other producers switching back to grazing.

As is true with Ag Progress Days, admission is free for this event. However, there will be a nominal charge at the door for lunch and refreshments and you are urged to sign up ahead of time. Again, your local county agent or Extension Forage Specialist Marvin Hall at Penn State has all the

Annual Forage Conference-November 26

And while it's still nearly four months away, and is not a field day, I can't miss this chance to remind you that PFGC's Annual Forage Conference is scheduled for November 26 at the Lancaster Host Conference Center. Lancaster.

We've added several now features to this year's conference, including Hay Bale Judging and a small trade show, as well as a great lineup of speakers.

You'll hear much more about this conference in the months ahead. But it isn't too early to get the date on your calendar.



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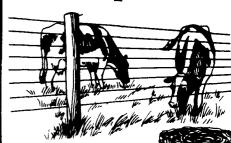
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