

Grass Is In At Plum Bottom Farm

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Michigan State, the strings of my heart played the right note, and I had a desire to keep the soil where it belonged. I had a desire to utilize the moisture as it ought to be used. And I had a desire to help the environment and the streams. Forages and grasslands on my land made sense."

At the time, farm input costs were low, and the research of the day showed zero grazing to be the

most economical way to farm. And the new 150 freestall barn with open columns for ventilation and a drive through center to accommodate forage feed wagons was built as a show structure for what Penn State was able to do for farmers. Trench silos and a liquid manure system were also a part of the new farm operation.

At the time, Rodgers was president of the Penn State Ag Advisory Council, and in 1969, the council

met at Plum Bottom to show what the people at Penn State did in terms of formulating feeds, storage, and design. Liquid manure handling was relatively new. The whole operation was built around the newest research that at the time showed the best way to handle cows was with zero grazing. Farm inputs were cheap and machinery costs less expensive.

The current herd of registered (Turn to Page A37)



Plum Bottom Evan R., poses in a pasture scene. Evan R. is the 1993 Pennsylvania Farm Show grand champion.

AFGC CONFERENCE

March 6-9, 1994
Lancaster Host Resort

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(subject to minor changes)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 p.m. Research Forum

MONDAY, MARCH 7, PRODUCER DAY

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. Invited Speakers (including Dean Kleckner, President, American Farm Bureau Federation)
- 11:00 a.m. Trade Show and Hay Show Opens
- 1:00 p.m. Forage Spokesperson Program
- 3:00 p.m. Invited Speakers on "applied" topics including 50 year history of AFGC
- 4:30 p.m. Affiliate Council Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Past AFGC Presidents Forum

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:30 a.m. Affiliate Council Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Scientific Papers and Poster Session
- 10:00 a.m. Scientific Papers and Poster Session
- 12:00 p.m. Professional Tour
- 6:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Showcase

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 a.m. Industry Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Young Scientist Program
- 11:00 a.m. Young Scientist Program or Scientific Papers
- 1:00 p.m. Scientific Papers
- 3:00 p.m. Scientific Papers
- 4:30 p.m. AFGC Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. AFGC 50th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Banquet

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