

Forage And Grassland Council Conference Successful

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — 1998 American Forage and Grassland Council Conference (AFGC) was held here in March. More than 15 attendees were from Pennsylvania.

The theme of the conference was "Forages at the Crossroads".

The attendees heard a number of speakers covering topics such as the environment, wildlife, production, and utilization of forages.

There were six presentations by emerging scientists from throughout the country. The program was monitored by Marvin Hall, the executive

vice president of PFGC. One of the papers was presented by Larry Hoover from Penn State, and his topic was "Interaction Between Mechanical Processing and Length of Cut on Particle Size Distribution, Compaction, Nutritive Quality, and Digestibility of Corn Silage."

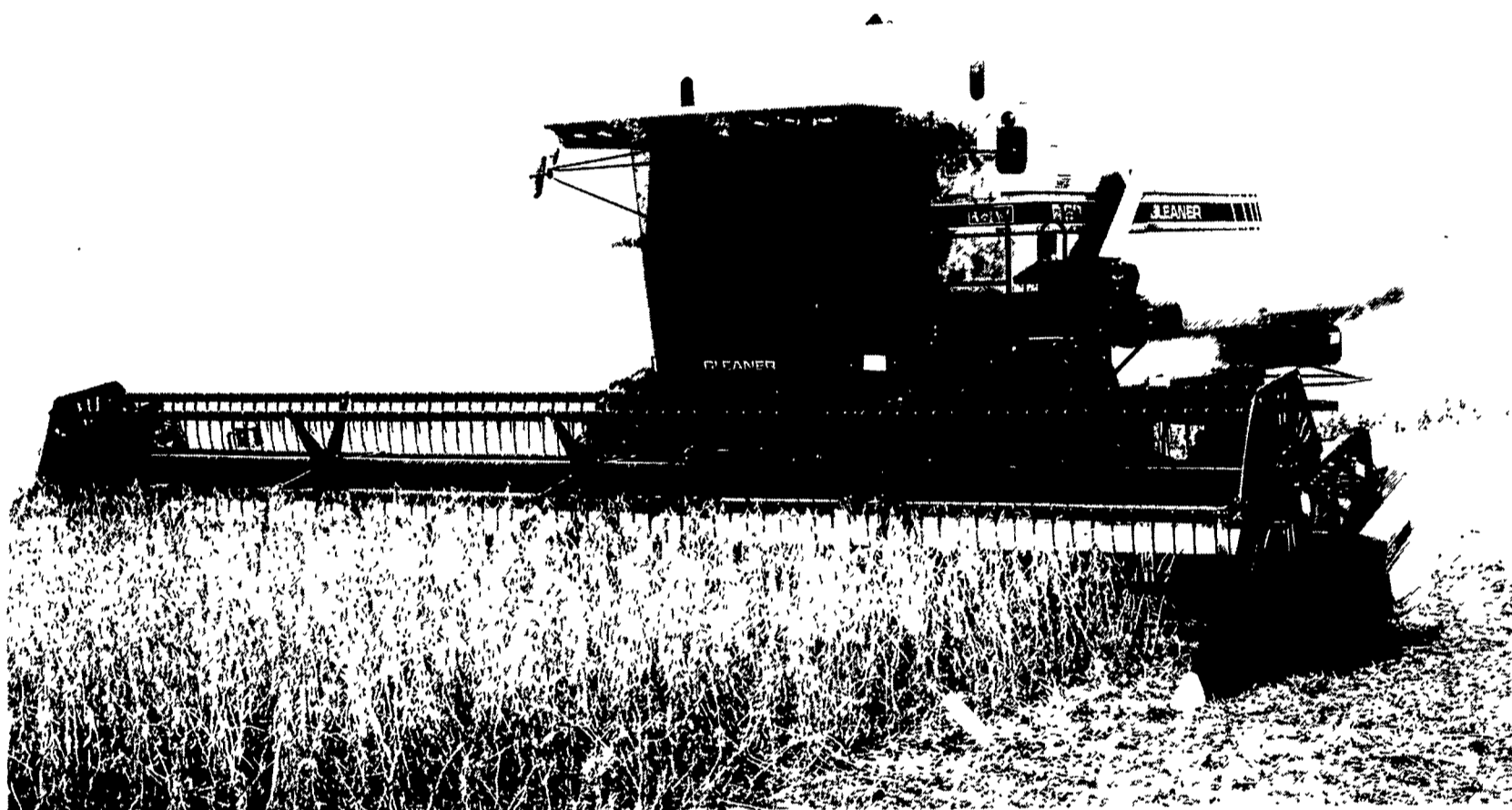
There were seven presentations from producers in North America in the forage spokesperson program. George Heintz from Union City was PFGC's representative as a forage spokesperson program. George has a small dairy farm in Union City

and he had slides and talked about his operation and his success in growing orchardgrass on his farm.

The conference attendees also had the opportunity to attend a number of oral papers that were presented by researchers throughout North America. Topics covered included research on alfalfa, broomegrass and alfalfa pastures, clover, grazing, pastures, and rotational grazing among the 19 papers offered.

Attendees also had the opportunity to tour some facilities in central

Indiana. The tours included the Indianapolis Zoo and the challenges of feeding zoo animals, Kelsay Dairy Farm, Class Equipment Plant, and the Amax Coal Co., a large strip-mine operation that has done considerable work on reclamation of the land after mining.



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