# **Scholarship Winner Named**

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) - The PFGC scholarship winner from Delaware Valley College was Jeremy Yeager, senior in agronomy from Chambersburg. Yeager was presented with a scholarship in the amount of \$750 from PFGC.

Jeremy comes from a dairy farm

near Chambersburg, He has also worked for a crop consulting firm in Shippensburg.

Jeremy has a real appreciation for the importance of quality forages for dairy production and for the diversity of the types of forages grown in his area of Pennsylvania.

# 'Garnergrass' Management

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Cows are put on pasture on April 18-20. Acres from which baleage is removed are added to the rotational system in June.

Garner noted that, as far as they know, it was the first pasture system cost-shared by the Chesapeake Bay Program in the state.

Garner hires a neighbor to do his may mowing and baling. "We do all of our haying in two days," he said, "the worst two days of my summer."

> The "garnergrass" is similar to a sweet vernal grass, but with distinct characteristics. The junk grass, as it is also known. continues to proliferate and is common to the Morris Volusia soil, a clay-glaciated soil, more acidic than limestone soils. Gradually, more voluntary clover has begun emerging with the junk grass, promoting even additional feed quality.

"It's not the best clover, it's short to the ground, but it works fairly well," said Garner.

Now, Garner's herd average is about 18,000 pounds. In the summer, the cows are fed a supplement ground shelled com or cornmeal along with the forage. In the winter, the cows are fed a "grist mill mix," he said, as a supplement, in addition to the baled grass. All other hay is purchased.

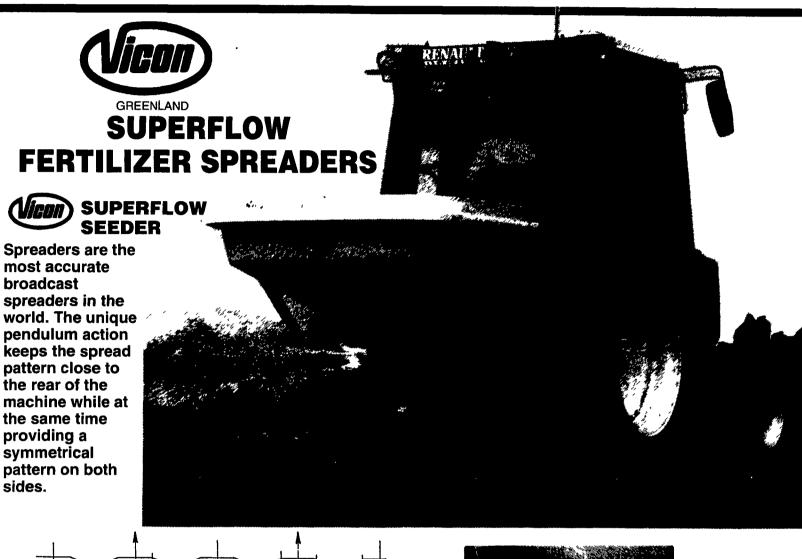
Now, instead of two machines cuttings per year, the cows go onto the pastures and take about 15-18 cuttings themselves. And the protein is "double what it was," Garner said about 20 percent crude protein.

The tough "gamergrass" is predominant in the fields. "There is enough seed in the soil for 300 years," Garner quipped.

Garner has not applied commercial fertilizer since he began grazing. He composts manure and sells the material in the summer.

Garner said that the ıarm recentily installed a spring development "so we now have gravity-fed water available in every paddock."

The producer also noted that he has picked up an additional 18 acres of rented ground about a mile away from the home farm. They hay from that location will have to be baled. He may slowly expand the herd size. But for now, he remains landlocked by some development.



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