

Please fill out and send the registration along with your payment before August 10.

See you there Marvin Hall, Chairperson, Picnic Committee

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| Remove and send with payment by August 10, 1998<br>PFGC AG PROGRESS DAYS PICNIC<br>Please make reservations for adults (\$8 each) and children under 12 (free) |                                                                               |                  |
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## **Attend PFGC Picnic Aug. 19**

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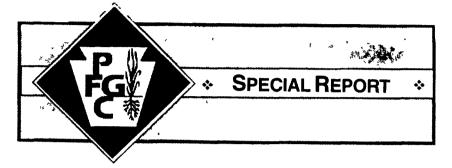
SPRUCE CREEK (Huntingdon Co.) — The annual PFGC picnic is scheduled during Ag Progress Days, Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Wayne Harpster's Evergreen Farm near Spruce Creek.

A registration-form is included in this issue of Foraging Around. Registration deadline is Aug. 1.

PFGC will provide all the food, beverages, and fun. Bring your family. Served this year will be roast beef and pork, fresh vegetables, Lancaster County cantaloupes, and other goodies.

Cost is \$8 per person if paid before Aug. 10 and \$9 per person after Aug. 10. Children under 12 are free.

The picnic will be located at the Harpster's Evergreen Farm, about 7.5 miles west of Ag Progress Days on Rt. 45.



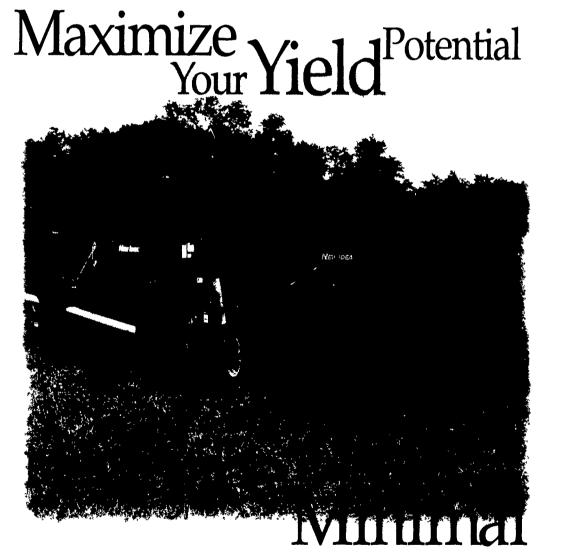
## DOES LENGTH OF GRAZING **PERIOD REALLY MATTER?** J.R. GERRISH University of Missouri

Providing grazing managers with a better understanding of the interface of grazing animals with grasslands has been the goal of our research and education program over the past decade. Maintaining effi-

cient pasture and animal production in rotational grazing programs requires management decisions to be timely and on target.

We have conducted several studies where we have evaluated forage intake by grazing beef cattle on different types of pastures.

One of the areas we have focused on is how the length of the grazing period affects forage supply and consumption of forage by the grazing animal. Our results indicate that forage intake is maintained at desirable levels in grazing periods less than four days duration more readily than in longer grazing periods of up to 10 days. On the average, forage supply should be maintained above 1.800 pounds per acre but a lower target can be used for grazing periods less than two days while a higher target must be maintainned for grazing periods longer than four days. Knowing these types of relationships can allow cattle producers to do a better job of maintaining animal performance through changing pasture conditions.



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