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mentally friendly in that growing forages can reduce soil erosion and pesticide use. Also forages can increase soil structure and soil organic matter. And in times of high grain production levels and low commodity prices, forages can enhance agricultural profitability. That's why forages are important to all Pennsylvanians.

The Pennsylvania Forage and Grasslands Council (PFGC) is an organization that is dedicated to the production and utilization of forages. It is our goal to improve all phases of forage and grassland production to benefit forage producers and utilizers — and thereby increase profits of Pennsylvania farmers.

How do we do this? PFGC works with producers, industry, and educators to collect, evaluate, and share useful information to the cutting-edge forage producers. This is accomplished through the use of a state newsletter, *Foraging Around*, the national magazine from the American Forage and Grasslands Council. Forage workshops, field days, and assisting with events such as the state Grazing Conference.

Furthermore, PFGC sponsors a Hay Show at Ag Progress Days to stimulate high-quality hay production and to recognize those top producers. This year's show had a large increase in the number of hay samples and the overall quality of entries was exceptional. This is very closely related to the excellent hay making weather that was experienced in Pennsylvania this year.

PFGC also supports the future of agriculture by awarding scholarships to students at Penn State University and Delaware Valley College who study forages and grassland management. PFGC also provides statewide recognition to individuals and or-

ganizations that have contributed to the forage industry in Pennsylvania. These people include farmers who promote forage production to their peers.

The PFGC organization is made up of forage producers, related industry representatives, and educators all hav-

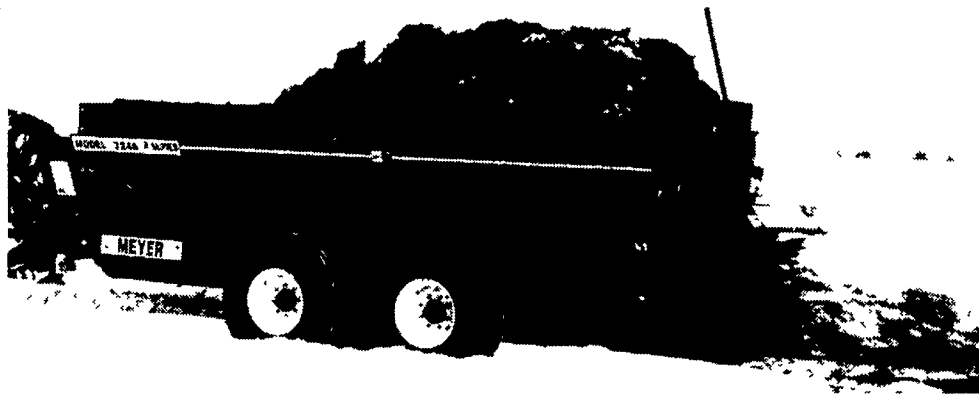
ing a shared interest in forages. For almost 40 years many individuals have contributed to the success of forage production in Pennsylvania. As this organization looks to the future, we have adopted the motto, "Providing Cutting Edge Information to Cutting Edge Forage Producers."

The leadership of this organization in Pennsylvania is committed to this goal. Won't you consider joining our organization and helping other forage producers in Pennsylvania to continue to produce profitable forage crops? To do so, a sign-up form is included in this issue of *Foraging Around*.



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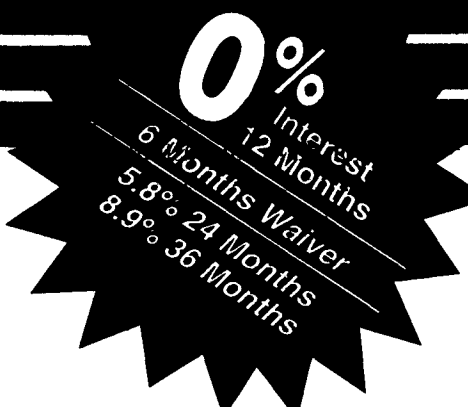


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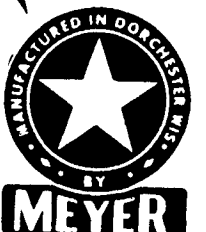
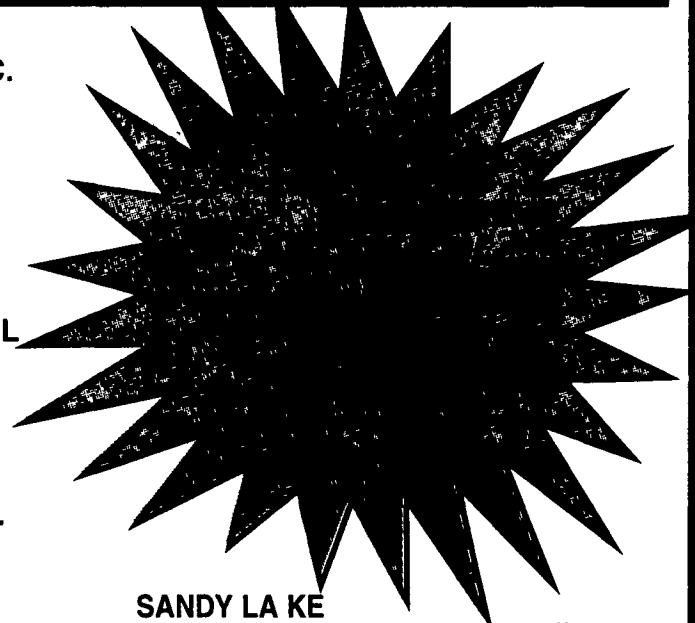
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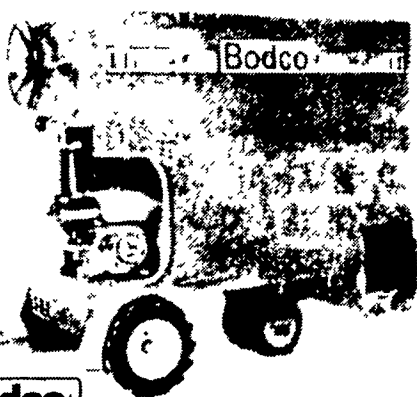
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