

## Quality Forage Conference Set

**WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co.)**  
— A conference on producing quality forage will be held at the Holiday Inn and TGIF in Williamsport on Nov. 17.

The theme of this year's conference will be "Quality Forage."

The program for this conference will be a break from traditional conference formats. The morning will be spent indoors listening to speakers and discussing forage-related issues, but the afternoon will be spent visiting

### REGISTRATION SHEET 1998 Quality Forages Conference

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of People attending @ \$10 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline is  
Monday, November 9, 1998

Make checks payable to:  
"Susquehanna County Coop Ext."

Mail Registration form to  
Susquehanna County Cooperative  
Extension  
31 Public Avenue  
County Office Building  
Montrose, PA 18801

farms which utilize practices and technology discussed during the morning.

This promises to be a very informative conference. Mark your calendar,

send in your registration, and make plans to attend this exciting and informative conference.

### 1998 Quality Forage Committee

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### An Overview

At this time, over one-half million forage-producing acres exist in northeast Pennsylvania. Since the late 1980's that acreage has decreased approximately ten percent while livestock numbers have remained comparatively constant. The ability of the farmers in this region to market quality forages through livestock products will have a very large and direct influence on the economic well-being of their farms, agri-businesses, and of the greater economic community at large. Obtaining, handling and managing quality forages will remain of utmost importance in northeastern Pennsylvania.



### Program Agenda

9:30

Doors Open for Registration  
and Visiting with Exhibitors

10:00

Program Introduction and  
Breakout Information

### Mechanical Track

Harold Harpster, PSU  
*How Feeding Systems Influence Forage  
Quality and Animal Performance*

Kurt Ruppel, Pioneer Hi-bred  
International, Inc.  
*Managing Storage to Minimizing Losses*

### Pasture Track

Marvin Hall, PSU  
*Successful Forage Crop Establishment*

Heather Karsten, PSU  
*Managing to Optimize Pasture Production*

11:30

Board Busses and Eat Lunch  
enroute

### Mechanical Track

Mike & Nancy Jarrett Farm  
*Montgomery County*

### Pasture Track

Bill Camerer Farm  
*Lycoming County*

2:30

Arrive back at Holiday Inn  
Adjourn

## Striving For Quality?

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wrapped with an inoculant, contain no dirt, no manure, and are wrapped promptly after cutting. The bales are wrapped 19 times using three layers of one-mil plastic.

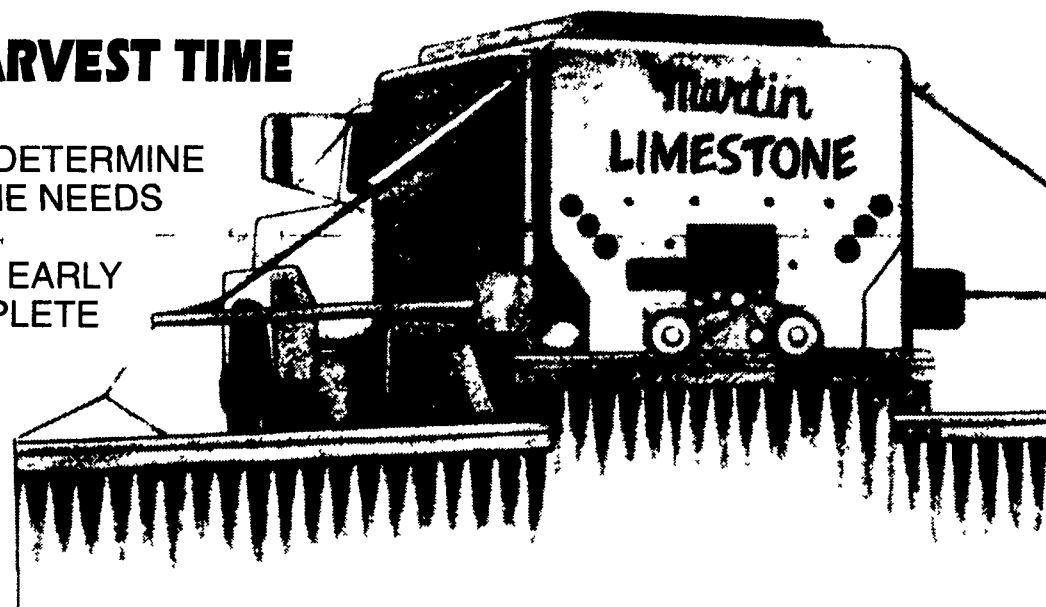
Steigman uses a 43-foot bale mover modified for square bales, which he purchased in the spring. Steigman used to use a payloader and load 45-foot tractor-trailers, which used to take too much time and caused compaction and plant damage. Now the bale mover reduces the manpower requirement to one person and minimizes compaction and plant damage. The bales are picked up immediately after baling and delivered to the wrapping lot.

He also maintains test plots of new alfalfa varieties on his farm. About seven acres with six different varieties are kept at the farm. The test plots are looking at the correct seeding rates for the hay.

He does his own timothy testing, looking into what variety works best at his farm. "Everybody's got the best," he said. But he needs evidence that one variety will succeed in combinations.

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