

## Reeds Canarygrass 'Saves' Grazier From Drought

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year's recipient of the PFGC Special Award. New Holland has been a strong supporting member since the PFGC was formed in 1960, according to Hall. They have provided the PFGC with two presidents — Albert Best (1979) and Mike Bular (1988) — and numerous board members throughout the PFGC's 40 year history. In addition, New Holland was a financial supporter of the 1994 AFGC Conference in Lancaster and the PFGC 40-Year History, being written. New Holland has also been an active participant in every PFGC Forage Field Day.

According to Hall, who presented the awards, considering the many contributions of New Holland to the PFGC, both past and present, "it is an honor to recognize them as the recipients of the PFGC Special Award." Accepting the award was Richard Adams, team leader for research and development at New Holland North America.

• **Research/Extension/Teaching Award.** This year's Research/Extension/Teaching Award recipient is Penn Jersey Extension Partnership.

The Penn Jersey Extension Partnership is an educational union between Penn State Cooperative Extension and Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The partnership recently completed 16 years of successful interstate

cooperation in agricultural programming with its mission to provide enhanced and expanded educational programs that have shown positive impact on agriculture in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, noted Hall.

Many programming initiatives, including multiyear and multidiscipline educational programs, were undertaken to address producer needs. Some of the most successful Partnership events include pasture walks, pasture weed control demonstrations, a poisonous plant ID course, drought management newsletters, the Penn Jersey Tillage Conference, the Penn Jersey Dairy Expo, and hay quality evaluation workshops. Participants reported that the programs were valuable to them and they had applied management tools learned through the programs.

• **Conservation Award.** This year's Conservation Award recipient is J.B. Harrold, Project Grass coordinator of the Somerset County Conservation District. As coordinator for Project Grass, Harrold is instrumental in the establishment of rotational grazing systems in western Pennsylvania, according to Hall. Harrold oversaw the original grant that provided cost-share funds to the Project Grass counties. Numerous grazing systems have been established under this program, with Harrold developing grazing man-

agement plans, providing suggestions on grazing practices, gathering data from the established systems, and preparing reports that describe the economic, nutrient management, and air pollution control benefits of using rotational grazing systems. He is now involved in a research project to determine if fly ash can be used to construct stabilized areas associated with pastures.

According to Hall, nearby counties have seen the advantages of being a member of Project Grass since Harrold was hired. As a result, the number of member counties is growing, as is the range of impact Harrold is making on grazing management in Pennsylvania.

Harrold was recently assigned 12 more counties, which makes him in charge of all the western Pennsylvania counties. When PFGC asked Harrold what he thought of this expansion, he just said, "More research!"

Hall noted, "We feel J.B. Harrold has gone way beyond the call of duty, and deserves to be recognized with the PFGC Conservation Award."



Richard Adams, representing New Holland North America, far right, accepts the PFGC Special Award and J.B. Harrold, Project Grass coordinator, center, the Conservation Award from Marvin Hall, far left, at the Pennsylvania Grazing and Forage Conference.

• **Conservation Farmer Award.** Dale Bracken has established a rotational grazing system for beef feeders at one of his farms. Working with the Indiana County Conservation District and the USDA Natural

Resources Conservation Service, Bracken expanded his rotational grazing system to include 16 paddocks that cover approximately 44 acres. High-tensile perimeter fence was installed as

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