

PFGC Honors Several

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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."

• **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 were two stabilized stream crossings and a spring development.

Bracken's concern about the damage beef cattle were causing to feeding areas during the winter led to his developing a feeding area stabilized with stone. A water diversion was installed above this feeding area to channel runoff around the site. A buffer area was established between the feeding area and a stream. Limited grazing buffer areas were established along both sides of the entire length of the stream in the pasture.

Bracken had a nutrient management plan developed for this grazing system and submitted the plan for approval under the Nutrient Management Act. He hosted a tour of his farm and the grazing system for Project Grass.

Hall noted, "Bracken's efforts in teaching others about conservation by example and implementing the many conservation practices on his farm makes him deserving of the PFGC's Conservation farmer Award."

Outstanding Pasture Producer awards:

• Don Bothell, Indiana County, has worked with the Indiana County Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to establish a rotational grazing system for dairy heifers and beef feeders. In the pasture system, 41 acres are included, and additional cropland is used for grazing in the fall after crops are harvested. High-tensile perimeter fence (9,590 feet) and 8,900 feet of interior fence have been installed in the system. Two stabilized stream crossings have been installed to allow animals access to drinking water and pasture areas. Stream bank buffers have been established with the installation of stream bank fencing.

Bothell has worked with the Indiana County Conservation District to conduct a pasture management field day at his farm. This field day allowed others to see how the system worked and to ask Bothell about pasture management.

Bothell also allowed the conservation district to conduct an agricultural conservation practice tour for

legislators at his farm. He participated by leading the group on the tour and explaining his pasture system operation.

• Glenn and Robin Gorrell, Bradford County, milk 185 Holsteins on 195 acres of pasture near Milan. They strive to provide all roughages from the pasture during the grazing season by timely use of nitrogen and reseeding of pastures. Glenn was the initiating force behind the Bradford County Grazing Network and continues to facilitate the 11 or so meetings they hold during the grazing season. He has served as a speaker at several local, regional, and statewide grazing/forage-related events.



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. Photo by Andy Andrews



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