

# PFGC Accepts Memberships

Membership Application

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC) has announced membership rates for 2000.

The Council, with your membership and support, can accomplish much toward a better forage industry, environment, and community.

It's a big challenge and the PFGC needs your help. By becoming a member now, PFGC can serve an even more active role in support of the forage industry.

The PFGC, formed in 1960, is made up of individuals and organizations that are interested in forage and grassland-based agriculture. The PFGC is dedicated to the production and utilization of quality

forage and grassland.

The PFGC works in a variety of ways to promote the industry, through publication of Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland News, through the publication of *Foraging Around*, and sponsoring individual workshops, training events, field days, Ag Progress Days, leadership, and other activities.

Every member receives the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland News, the Hay and Forage Grower magazine, and a PFGC membership directory.

So to become part of a growing industry, use this membership form included here to sign up now.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (check one)

\_\_\_\_ Farmer

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2000

Membership Classification (check one)

\_\_\_\_ Individual or Youth — Group (\$20)

\_\_\_\_ Individual - 5 years — (\$90)

\_\_\_\_ Scientific/Professional Society (\$20)

\_\_\_\_ Supporting Organization — (Industry) (\$75 or more)

Life memberships of \$150 per member will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2000. Make check payable to Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council. Detach this application and mail along with your check to Richard Hann, Executive Director, PFGC, P.O. Box 355, Hershey, PA 17033.



## Capitol Region Agronomy Team Report

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Extension Agent

Typically, in the early part of May, quite a few fields of alfalfa will show the typical symptoms of alfalfa weevil feeding. This damage is indicated by silver or gray cast to the alfalfa stand and is not observed until heavy feeding damage occurs.

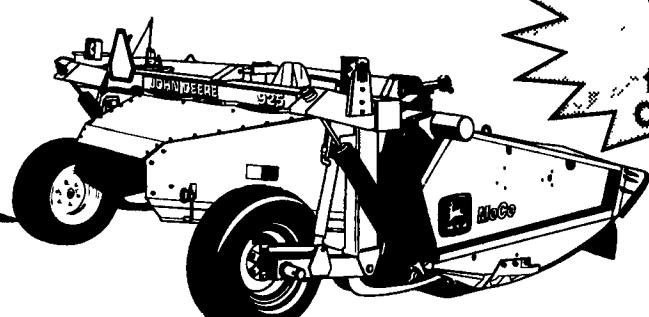
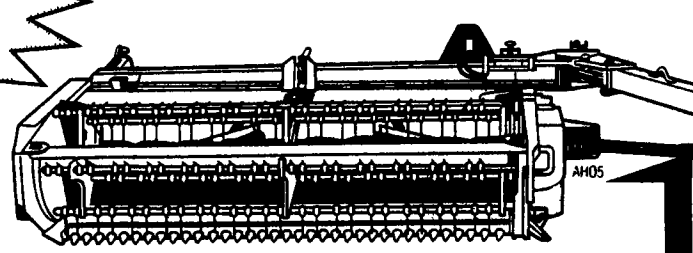
The silver color is caused by the skeletonizing of the upper leaves and the buds on the alfalfa plant. It is not too soon to start monitoring alfalfa stands to prevent injury and yield losses as the alfalfa crop progresses.

The life cycle of the alfalfa weevil consists of four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult beetle. The insect overwinters as an adult in protected areas such as woods. Some eggs are laid in the fall but most are deposited in the spring after the adults return to the alfalfa stands.

The female weevil chews a hole into the alfalfa stem and deposits up to 25 eggs. Each female can lay up to 2,000 eggs in her lifetime. Young larva hatch in 7 to 14 days. The larva do not have legs, are soft-bodied (like a caterpillar), have a black head, are 3/8 inch long when fully developed, and are light green in color with a white stripe down the back.


First signs of injury are small holes eaten in leaves at the growing point. As the larva mature, feeding injury increases rapidly in localized areas. After feeding for 14 to 21 days, the larva move to the base of the plant where they form a cocoon and emerge as adults in 7 to 10 days. This typically occurs about the time first cutting is being completed.

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