



Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council



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'Industry, Farmer, Scientist — Working Together Toward A Sounder Grassland Program'



## Good Haymaking Requires Drying, Storing, And 'Patience'

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DARLINGTON, Md. — Growing good alfalfa takes a couple of things: good weather and "patience," said Richard Holloway.

Along with his brother Henry and their families, Richard helps manage the 400-acre Holloway Brothers Farm, including beef cattle and crops.

The Holloways, who have expanded their hay supply business this year, understand that while you can't control the weather, having the right grass mix, mowing at the right time, drying it, preserving it, and storing it properly can go a long way in the market.

Construction was finished at the end

of April on a 10,000 square-foot hay bale storage area. The Holloway partnership also invested recently in a hay stack wagon.

Money was spent to mechanize the Holloways baling, storing, and transporting of hay — making it readily available for customers, noted Richard's son, Rick. Rick was busy cutting hay in early June at the farm.

Richard noted they can supply hay quicker than customers can take it — the reason for the on-farm storage and mechanization. They see readily expanding opportunities to sell their hay with the burgeoning horse farm market.

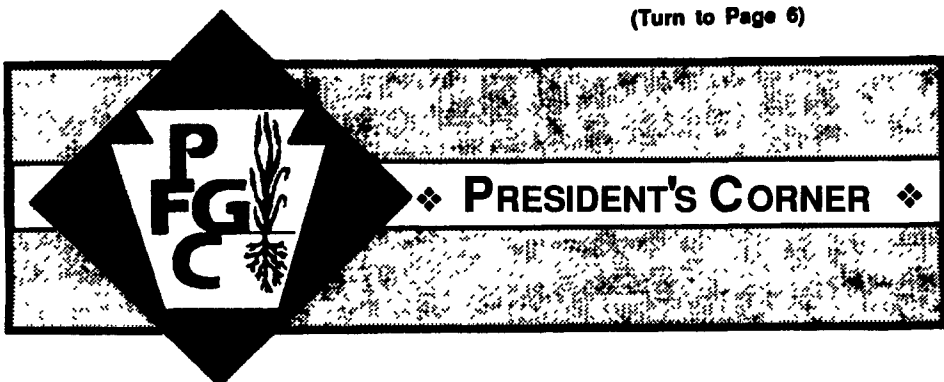
There are five horse farms within three miles that need hay and straw reg-

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Richard, left, and son Rick inspect a hay stack in the newly constructed storage house on the Holloway Farm. They are beginning to mechanize their haymaking and storing operations.

Photo by Andy Andrews



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Forty years ago, a group of farmers, industry representatives, and educators formed the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC) to work together for better forage programs.

This founding vision has provided the impetus for the 34 states and provinces in Canada that have

also formed similar organizations.

In addition to serving as an organizational model, the PFGC also started Ag Progress Days. Yes, it's true! In cooperation with the Pennsylvania State University, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and many other organizations, the first Pennsylvania Forage Progress Days event was conducted at the Milton S. Hershey Farm in Hershey. Wagon tours of the fields, tractor

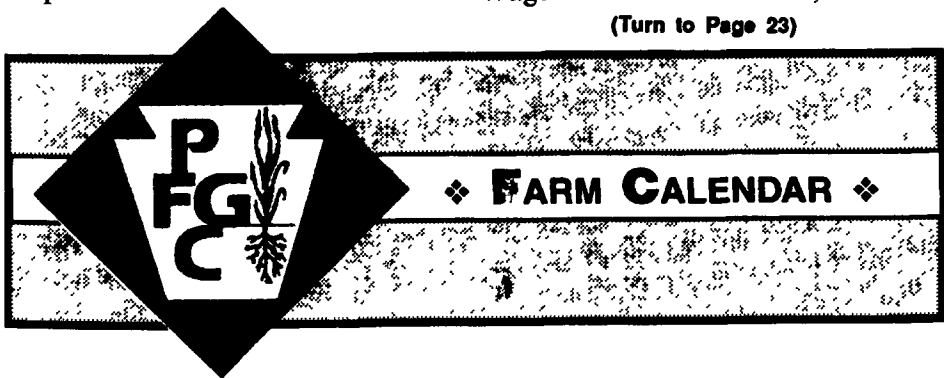
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## Franklin County Farmer Grows Quality Alfalfa To Easily Meet Nutrition Needs

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WAYNESBORO (Franklin Co.)  
— Keeping stands young and cut-

ting them just at bud are the key success factors Mark Gayman employs in growing high-quality forage

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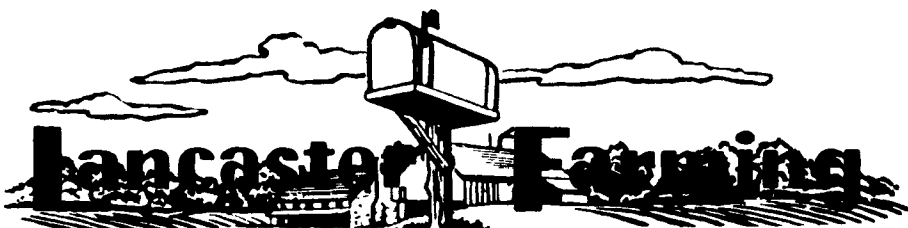


Sunday, July 16  
AFGC Conference and North American Improvement Conference, Madison, Wis., thru July 19.  
Saturday, July 22  
Pasture Walk, Robby and Kathleen England, Millerton.  
Wednesday, August 2  
Pasture Walk, Phil Ott Farm,

Windber, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 9  
Pasture Walk, Foster Constable Farm, Laceyville.  
Tuesday, August 15  
Ag Progress Days and PFGC Hay Show, Rockspring, thru Aug. 17.  
Wednesday, August 16  
PFGC 40th Anniversary Celebration  
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Mark Gayman uses alfalfa haylage as a key ingredient in his dairy herd's ration. Making up 60 percent of the forage base, the alfalfa haylage helps keep concentrate costs low and milk production levels high for his 140-cow herd. Photo by Jayne Sebright



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