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**SPRING 2000
NEW SEEDING
ALFALFA STANDS**

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New seeding alfalfa stands across the Mid-Atlantic were very variable this year. The primary cause of the variability was weather related.

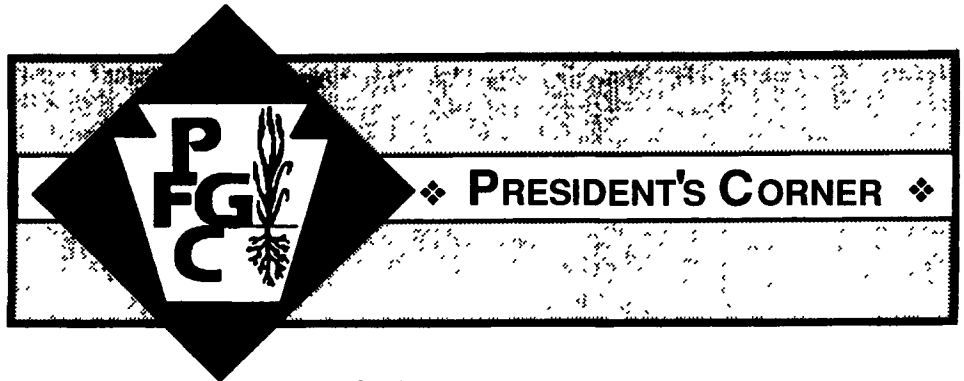
Alfalfa growers that prepared a proper tilled seedbed seeded and then received heavy, pounding rains, ended up with tight compacted soils that made it very difficult for the alfalfa seedlings to emerge. Most of these stands have

acceptable populations of alfalfa because of the frequent rains that kept the soil from crusting. The alfalfa stands in these fields are still not growing as productively as possible, but improvements are visible each week.

In addition to the pounding rain, some alfalfa fields received lack of sunshine that also invited leaf disease to prosper and grow. Numerous alfalfa leaf and stem diseases were observed (downy mildew), causing some stands to appear chlorotic and lack vigor. As the sunshine increased, the leaf diseases subsided.

And finally, numerous acres across the Mid-Atlantic reported hail damage to alfalfa and other crops. This damage was very localized and temporary.

Be sure to inspect your fields closely for potato leafhoppers. With all the stress alfalfa has received this spring, it will be important to keep the leafhopper in check.



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square dancing, dairy animal shows, equipment displays were all part of the program.

Looking back on our 40-year history, I'm sure that you will agree that we have come a long way, not only as an organization, but also as

an industry. I hope you will join me in commemorating the PFGC's tradition of excellence by attending the 40th Anniversary Celebration Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the "covered bridge" of Wayne Harpster's Evergreen Farms near Seven Stars. Order your tickets now!

We are expecting more than 350 members and key forage producers to attend our anniversary celebration. Several forage leaders will present the history of the PFGC "by decade" as the "40-Year History of the PFGC," a book written by Dr. John Baylor and Richard Hann, is scheduled to be released that day. The president of the American Forage and Grassland Council, other keynote speakers, and PFGC past-presidents will also be there.

Meanwhile, on the national front, the American Forage and Grassland Council is conducting its annual conference, July 16-18, in Madison, Wis. The conference program includes a hay show, the national photo contest, a forage spokesperson contest, and an international panel discussion on the future of alfalfa as a grazing crop.

Roman Stoltzfus, Kinzers, will be representing the PFGC in the forage spokesperson contest. We wish him well!

One final note: a plot of cool season grasses and alfalfa variety trials are ongoing at Penn State's Rockspring Research Farm. A group of us from P.L. Rohrer toured the plots. I believe you would find a visit to the farm very interesting. If you would like to see the plots, contact your county agent.

As always, I welcome your input. If you would like additional information or have questions, contact me by phone (717) 299-2571 or by e-mail at PL-Rohrer @compuserve.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the 40th Anniversary Celebration!

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