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is able to enjoy the many benefits that membership has to offer. The hay shows that PFGC sponsors, the excellent publications that are provided to members, and the many education events that the council helps to sponsor, are several examples of member benefits. They represent quite a bargain for an annual membership of \$20.00.

One of the events that PFGC helps to cosponsor is the Pennsylvania Grazing and Forage Conference. This years conference promises to be an exceptional program.

Mr. Charlie Opitz of Mineral Point, Wisconsin will be our featured speaker. He will discuss how he grazes his 1,200 lactating cow herd on a 3,000 acre system. He will tell us how he took his grazing system to the next level, plus how he advanced his management skills to the next level. Yes, I did say 1,200 cows on pasture. Look for other conference information in this special

It goes without saving that an organization is only as strong as it weakest link. In my year as president of PFGC I found out that your organization is a strong chain and I could not find a weak link. Everyone of the officers and board members did an outstanding job for you and I want to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to making PFGC the great organization that it is.

As you can probably tell from these comments that my term as president is coming to a close. Before the next issue of Foraging Around is published you will have a new president - John Pergosky, a



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hay producer from Lehigh County. Your council will be in good hands with John as your president and I trust you will give him your support to make PFGC an even better or-

I want to say thank you to my fellow officers and board members for a great year. I want to thank you, the membership, for continued support of PFGC and look forward to seeing you at Grantville at the Pennsylvania Grazing and Forage Conference.

You can reach me at the Natural

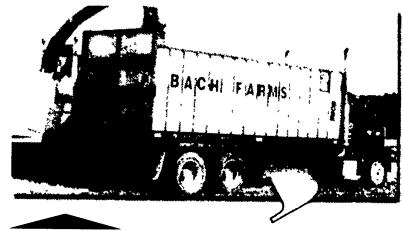
Resources Conservation Service office in Harrisburg, where I will continue on with my duties as a Grassland Management Specialist. My mailing address there is NRCS, Suite 340, One Credit Union Place, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2993. My email address duane.pysher@pa.usda.gov and my telephone number is (717) 237-2221.



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