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Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council

# FORAGING AROUND

'Industry, Farmer, Scientist - Working Together Toward a Sounder Grassland Program'



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**Local County Councils**

**MICHELLE KUNJASU**  
*Lancaster Farming Staff*  
**BETHEL (Berks Co.)**  
Eleven years ago, changes began taking place in the pastures of Papa Farm.

When Bill Mohr began his pasture based program it was hard to find information on rotational grazing, he said. I read Lancaster Farming articles and got ideas. I migrated from Lancaster.

Mohr along with his wife Karen and daughter Bethel, 12, Carolyn, 10, and Judy, 8 have managed the farm for 11 years as a Philadelphia business.

His wife Karen is a veterinarian. She said the county extension agent helped in his education. The county extension agent helped to educate Mohr.

In the initial days, I received to know what the pasture information is. I learned about this program. He said. Besides a living stream bank fencing Mohr has put in his own concrete stream crossings.

Now to get a profitable operation I don't see any other way you can be in the cow/calf business without being in the foraging business. He said. The use of smaller framed animals with improved genetics and carefully managed pastures that the animals do not have to be fed supplemental hay or grain for the most part. The operation costs have declined.

Pennsylvania Spoke at a year ago Mohr won an award for Forage and Grassland Council's conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas as Pennsylvania's spokesman.

**Brian Mohr, manager of Papa Farm, moves the fences each day on the farm's rotational grazing system for the 60 Angus cows and their calves.**  
*Photo by Michelle Kunjasu*

**DICK HANN**  
*Lancaster Farming Staff*  
**HERSHBY (Dauphin Co.)**  
Richard Hann knows the history and workings of the Pennsylvania Forage & Grassland Council.

For 34 years, Hann has been a vital part in the organization handling the finances and acting as chief coordinator of events, board meetings, and membership matters. He has served as secretary for the council since 1968. In addition to these responsibilities, he assumed a new executive director post in 2000.

Hann recently reflected on PFGC's history along with changes in agriculture and forage management that have occurred through the years.

First formed in 1960 as the Pennsylvania Grassland Council (PGC), the organization merged with the American Grassland Council in 1961. The name was changed to Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council in 1974 to more fully reflect the state's forage industry.

For 11 years, Hann has been the president of the organization for 31 years. He has been a member of the organization since 1968.

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