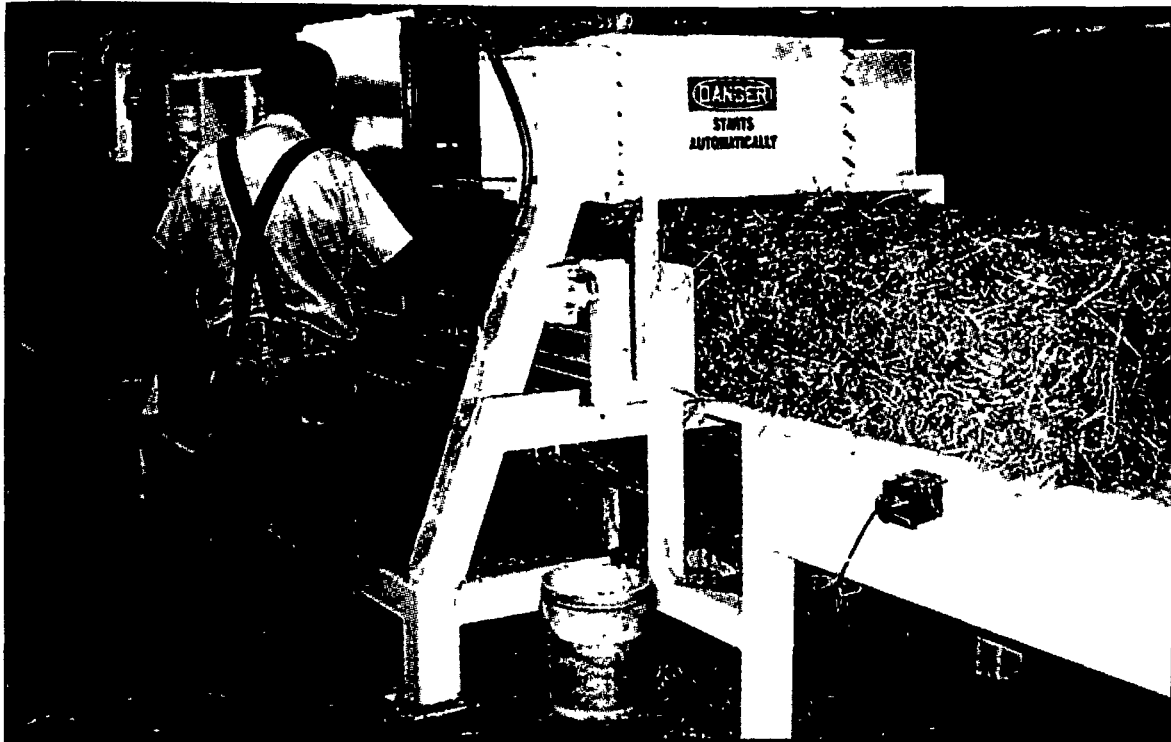




Foraging Around



David Fink works the controls of his new double-compressor hay processing unit. He will demonstrate the machine Oct. 18 during a field day at Heidel Hollow Farm. Photo by Dave Lefever

Fink To Demonstrate New Hay Processor

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GERMANSVILLE (Lehigh Co.) — With his new machine that turns large hay bales into small dense ones, David Fink says he has the means to handle about 1 percent of all the hay produced in Pennsylvania.

It's hard to put an exact tonnage figure on it, but one thing's for sure: that's a lot of hay.

Fink, of Heidel Hollow Farms, Germansville, is planning an open house Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give farmers and other interested people the chance see

the stationary setup, known as a double compressor.

The machine was shipped from Salem, Oregon to Heidel Hollow this past May.

Fink has been double-compressing hay into super-dense 40- and 80-pound bales for years, including his own crop and other hay that he purchases.

He exports much of the hay to places across the sea, including Europe and the Caribbean islands. Transportation efficiency is the biggest benefit of the double-compressed bales.

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Quackgrass Makes A (Surprisingly) Good Forage

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LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — A well-known land-

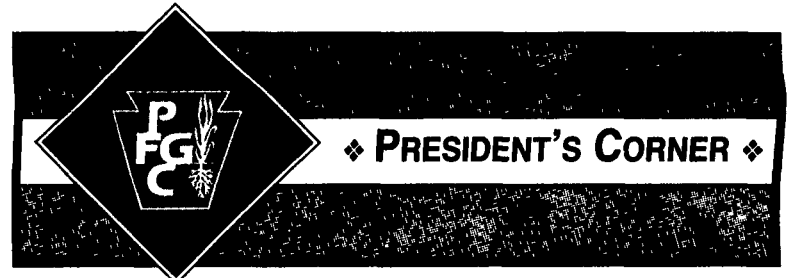
scape turf weed is making a resurgence in paddocks for grazing cattle.

Quackgrass, long the arche-

nemy of turf managers, actually can be a better grazing feed. Believe it or not, quackgrass has a hardy root system during drought, is leafier, and contains potentially good feed value and improved bite.

Both quackgrass and orchardgrass should be top consideration when choosing a

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PFGC President

Forages are critical to the success of our farms, our agriculture, and ultimately the health of our world.

Pastures have been the backbone of many peoples going back thousands of years. For example, in the Old Testament, Abraham's wealth was

built through livestock raised on grass. (Abraham and Lot had to separate because stocking rate was getting too high.)

Stored forages (hay in particular) extended the range of civilization. Unfortunately, most of today's population does not know or even care

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Dr. Heather Karsten, assistant professor of agroecology, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Penn State, spoke about grass species and pastured poultry during the Penn State Agronomy-Industry Field Day in July. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

Forage Harvesting During Hazy Days



INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — A Plain farmer cuts hay during a wet summer near the corner of Fieldcrest and East Newport Road (Rt. 772) near Intercourse mid-August this year. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor