

Penn State Extension Field & Forage Crops and Dairy & Livestock Team – Report for PaGLC
Jan 18, 2022 – April 19, 2022

Previous Activities:

- Feb 22. “Wrangling More Days out of the Grazing Season for Sheep and Goats”, a presentation for a small ruminant webinar series.
- March 16. Forage Workshop Webinar. Online, morning through afternoon, and included discussions about forage fertility during high prices, forage sampling, pest updates, alternative forages, and grazing and animal health. Registration was 62.
 - Effort to host in-person workshops resulted in poor attendance. Intent to reevaluate and potentially collaborate with industry or other organizations to host events.
- March 21. “Contract Grazing using Sheep and Goats.” Guest lecture for AnSci 308 Small Ruminant Production Class.
- March 31. Forages sub-team attended the Novel Tall Fescue Renovation Workshop in Keedysville, MD as professional development to learn about toxic and novel tall fescue management, establishment, seed quality and the economics of maintaining or renovating stands.
- April 1. “A Dozen Practices to Make Your Grazing Program More Effective in 2022.” Presentation at the PA Veterans to Farming Conference at New Cumberland.
- April/Ongoing. Search for forage specialist candidate. Committee has been hosting in-person interviews at University Park. There are currently 4 candidates with the last interview occurring mid-April.

Upcoming Activities:

- April 19. Grazing Management Workshop from 10am-2pm at David B. Stolfus’s dairy farm in Quarryville, PA. extension.psu.edu/manage-pasture or call 877-345-0691
- August 3. Pasture walk from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Fiddle Creek Dairy in Quarryville, PA.
- Ongoing. Research at Landisville with Orchardgrass.
- Ongoing. Intent to have some pasture workshops between the livestock and forages teams but planning is in the early stages.

Articles:

- Published in Field Crop News
 - January 2022. 2021 Forage Variety Trials.
 - March 2022. Frost Seeding Time is Here.
 - March 2022. Alternative Forages for Spring and Summer Planting.
 - March 2022. Alfalfa Herbicide Considerations.
 - March 2022. Spring Weedy Grass Control in Grass Hay and Pastures.

Extension staff continue to do farm visits, write columns for local papers and also articles for the extension website, some of which may not be included in this list.