



**Southwest PA Project Grass
sponsored the 13th annual
Grassland Evaluation Contest
at Penn State's Ag Progress Days
Site on
October 1, 2015**



The Pennsylvania Grassland Evaluation Contest took place on October 1 at Penn State's Special Events building located at the Ag Progress Days facility. The contest is The Pennsylvania Grassland Evaluation Contest took place on October 1 at Penn State's Special Events building located at the Ag Progress Days facility. The contest is an experiential education opportunity for PA high school students enrolled in FFA and 4-H programs, or members of high school affiliated clubs. Contest programs focus on the value and benefits of pasture management, wildlife, livestock grazing and soil health. Winning teams receive scholarships toward their secondary education at any accredited institution. Winning teams may have the opportunity to compete in a National Competition in Missouri.



Cambria County 4-H Team

Ten student teams from across the Commonwealth competed in this year's events. The 2015 winning team from Cambria County 4-H included students Morgan Watt, Audrey Ritko, Ricky Wagner and Brandon Davis. All first place team members received a \$500 scholarship for further schooling. SVRCS FFA Team took second place with students Jacob Jeffries, Shelby Bohartz, Colden Geisewite and Dakota Baker, each receiving a \$250 scholarship. Jacob Jeffries, SVRCS FFA, was the highest placing individual for the contest and received an additional \$500 scholarship toward a school of his choice.



SVRCS FFA Team

The contest sponsors congratulate all students competing for the time and effort taken to prepare for the event. Major event sponsors include: SouthWest PA Project Grass, PA Livestock Association, PA Grazing Lands Coalition, Penn's Corner RC&D, PSU-Ag Progress Days, PA Forage & Grassland Council, Conservation Districts from Allegheny, Somerset, and Cambria and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information or to sign up for next year's event, scheduled for September 29, 2016, please contact: Dan Griffith, Westmoreland Conservation District, at (724) 837-5271 or by email at dan@wcdpa.com.

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