



West Perry Wins 2017 Grassland Evaluation Contest

The 14th Annual Pennsylvania Grassland Evaluation Contest took place on October 12th at Penn State's Ag Progress Days Facility. The contest is an experiential education opportunity for PA 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 the National Competition in Missouri.

Nine teams from across the Commonwealth competed in this year's contest. West Perry FFA Team B claimed First Place with Sugar Valley Rural Charter School FFA placing Second. The First Place Team was composed of Garret Beal, Garrett Bolze, Keith Dubaich, and Isaac Nulton; each student receives a \$500 College Scholarship. The Second Place Team included Naaman Conoway, McKenna Fox, Lauryn Geisewite, and Jacob Jeffries; each student receives a \$250 College Scholarship. Garrett Beal was the Highest Scoring Individual and receives an additional \$500 College Scholarship.

The contest sponsors congratulate all students competing for the time and effort taken to prepare for the event. Major event sponsors include: Penn State University Ag Progress Days Site, PA Forage & Grassland Council, Penn's Corner Conservancy Charitable Trust, PA Grazing Lands Coalition, PA NRCS, and Conservation Districts in PA. For more information please contact: Dan Griffith, Westmoreland Conservation District, at (724) 837-5271 or by email at dan@wcdpa.com.

