

Southwest Project Grass

Southwest Project Grass is a cooperative effort by local Farmers, County Conservation Districts, and Industry Partners, with assistance from USDA Agencies to improve pasture and rotational grazing systems in PA.

Penn's Corner Conservancy

Penn's Corner Conservancy Charitable Trust, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization that is the fiduciary for the Scholarship Program offered by the Southwest Project Grass Chapter.



Directions

Penn State's Ag Progress Days site
 Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center
 2710 W. Pine Grove Rd.,
 Pennsylvania Furnace, PA, 16865

- Westbound traffic, use entrance Gate J
- Eastbound traffic, use entrance Gate M

Lunch Provided



PA GRASSLAND EVALUATION CONTEST

Cooperating Agencies



INDIANA COUNTY
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Allegheny County
 Conservation District



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 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
 PROTECTION



Sponsors



Pennsylvania
 Grazing Lands
 Coalition



SOMERSET
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Armstrong
 Conservation
 District



Greene County
 Conservation District



PennState



OCTOBER 12, 2017
 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
 AG PROGRESS DAYS SITE
 PENNSYLVANIA FURNACE, PA

What is the Grassland Evaluation Contest?

The PA Grassland Evaluation Contest is a competition aimed at educating youth about the **value and benefit of grazing**, as well as, other conservation practices.

Students who **attend the Grassland Evaluation Contest compete** in a variety of forage management categories.



Contest History

The Grassland Evaluation Contest began in 2003 in an attempt to inspire high school students to learn practical and profitable ways to graze livestock on their family farms. The first contest was held at the Penn State beef sheep farm and is currently held at the Ag Progress Days site. **Over \$28,000 has been awarded** as scholarships since 2003.

Contest Categories

- Grassland Condition
- Plant Identification
- Soils Evaluation
- Wildlife Habitat Evaluation



Why Students Participate

Contest teams consist of 3 to 4 members who compete on an individual basis, rotating through 4 contest stations. Winning teams and top scoring students receive **scholarships toward higher education**.

“The Grassland Evaluation Contest is what inspired me to pursue agriculture in college and as a career.”

Genny Christ,

Cambria County Conservation District
Agriculture Conservation Specialist &
Grassland Evaluation Contest Alumni

Who Can Participate

PA high school students, grades 9 through 12, enrolled in FFA and 4-H programs, or school affiliated club. Photo waivers will be required.



How to Get Involved

Study materials are available for free on our website, as well as, registration forms, and additional contest information :

<http://www.swprojectgrass.com/grassland-evaluation-contest>



Donate

Support from agencies and contributions from across the state keep this contest growing!

Southwest Project Grass is always seeking donations to fund the contest expenses and for the Youth Grassland Evaluation Contest Scholarship Fund.

For more information on how to make a tax deductible donation to the scholarship fund or to make a contribution to offset contest expenses please contact:

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