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## May 6, 2014 Grasslands Evaluation Contest Winners





Austin Wingert was the Individual High Scorer of all contestants. He will receive an extra \$500 scholarship for further education.

The FFA Team A from Conococheague was the overall team winner of the May 2014 Grasslands Evaluation Contest that was held at the PSU Ag Progress Days site on May 6<sup>th</sup>, organized by Southwest Project Grass. Team members (shown below left) were: Grant Heckman, Blaine Peiffer, Austin Wingert, and Paige Plessinger, and Instructor Herb Hoffeditz. They placed first out of five teams competing in evaluating a pasture in the areas of grass condition, soils, wildlife, and plants. Each member of the team will receive a \$500 scholarship for furthering their education after high school.

Conococheague Team B placed second in the Grasslands Evaluation Contest. Team members (shown below right) were: Mikayla Barnhart, Kelsey Stewart, and Jacoby Skinner. These students will each receive a \$250 college scholarship.

GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative), a nationwide collaboration of individuals and organizations working to improve the nation's grazing land, was the prime sponsor of the Grasslands Evaluation Contest. They contribute money for the scholarships for the students mentioned above.

PLA (PA Livestock Association) a statewide organization that promotes the livestock industry, also supports the contest. Other contributors included: NRCS, Penn's Corner RC&D, Conservation Districts, Penn State, & JBH Farms.



