



West Perry Wins 2018 Grassland Evaluation Contest

The 2018 Pennsylvania Grassland Evaluation Contest, presented by Southwest Project Grass, was held on October 11th 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 the National Competition in Missouri.

Fifteen Teams including 58 students, from across the Commonwealth competed in this years contest. The first-place team, West Perry FFA, included Garret Beal, Garret Bolze, Tim Foster, and Sam Groff. Each student receives a \$500 College Scholarship. The second-place team, Sugar Valley Rural Charter School FFA, included Cheyenne Holdren, Thea Homan, Alanta Doan, and McKenna Fox. Each student receives a \$250 College Scholarship. Garrett Beal, from West Perry FFA, was the Highest Scoring Individual and receives an additional \$500 College Scholarship.

The contest organizers and sponsors congratulate all students competing for the time and effort taken to prepare for the event. Major event sponsors include: Pennsylvania Livestock Association, Penn State Extension, Centre County Conservation District, Somerset County Conservation District, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, PA Grazing Lands Coalition. For more information please contact: Dan Griffith, Westmoreland Conservation District, at (724) 837-5271 or by email at dan@wcdpa.com.



1st Place Team



2nd Place Team