



AMERICAN FORAGE AND GRASSLAND COUNCIL AFFILIATE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FORM OHIO FORAGE AND GRASSLAND COUNCIL 2020

Affiliate: Ohio Forage and Grassland Council (OFGC)

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Council Overview:

Ohio Forage and Grassland Council

Our Mission

- The Ohio Forage and Grasslands Council, Inc. exists to enhance the profitability of Ohio farmers through the use of forage and grasslands resources, and to facilitate the opportunity for collective interaction between producers and other forage workers, both public and private.

Our Visions

- Provide a forum or means for the exchange of ideas, problems/opportunities, and solutions in forage-animal agriculture.
- Encourage research, education, and service efforts so as to improve forage production, utilization, and marketing.
- Represent a collective voice for issues affecting forage-animal agriculture.

Develop present and future leaders in the forage industry.

Events:

2020 Annual OFGC Meeting

Foraging For Profit was Theme of the Meeting. Feb. 21,2020. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jimmy Henning, Extension Professor, Forages at University of Kentucky who discussed "Making Good Round Bale Silage" and a second topic entitled "The Clover Dilema – Do I Have Enough to Withhold N Fertility". Also speaking was Dr Tony Parker, OSU Assoc. Professor for Animal Science on "Current and Future Technologies for Grazing Management". Several producer talks were also be presented who represented Beef, Dairy, Sheep and Stored Forages. A group discussion on Hot Topics in Forages was led by Dr. Mark Sulc + Bob Hendershot. Next year's Annual Meeting will be held Feb. 19, 2021. 90 people attended the meeting which was held at the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture in Reynoldsburg, Ohio

2020 AFGC Annual Meeting

Several OFGC members attended the 2020 AFGC Annual Meeting held at Greenville, South Carolina on Jan. 5-8, 2020. Several of our members had presentations and our own Chris Penrose was installed as AFGC President Elect.

Field Days

Many Field Days were cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. Pasture walk days were still held informally on the 4th Tuesday for Belmont County (June), Caldwell (July), Guernsey Co. (August) and Monroe Co. (September). Beef and Forage Field Night was August 24th at Jackson and Ohio Sheep Day was delayed till Oct. 3.

Forage Research

OFGC became an official collaborator for an upcoming forage research for a \$15,000 in kind match with Dr. Marilla Chiavegato from OSU. OFGC also provided a letter of support for forage fertility recommendations being directed by the Ohio State University Agronomy Dept.

Pasture For Profit School:

OFGC started the planning process to have a virtual Pastures For Profit school in Jan. Feb. and March of 2021

Member Communications:

Two newsletters sent, numerous emails and Facebook postings sent to membership

Membership:

*55 present members with new member recruitment presently taking place

Present Officers and Board Members:

Jeff Ramseyer – President

Val Jorgenson – Vice President

Bob Hendershot – Secretary Treasurer

Gary Wilson – Executive Secretary

Debbie Brown

Dustin Bender

Bob Stoll

Patty Dyer

Martin Joyce

Jeff Bielek

Dan Lima

Christine Gelley