

Proceedings of the 2015 Northeast Pasture Consortium Annual Conference & Meeting held at the Waterfront Place Hotel & Conference Center in Morgantown, WV, March 11-12

Overview

A small but enthusiastic membership turned out for the 2015 Northeast Pasture Consortium Conference that was held at the well-appointed and service-oriented Waterfront Place Conference Center in Morgantown, West Virginia. Our conference numbers were down dramatically this year (43 attendees) in large part due to agency travel funds being severely curtailed for Extension and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Yet, the program itself was very well received by those people that did attend. Our thanks goes to the Pennsylvania Grazing Coalition who funded two Pennsylvania pasture-based farmers to attend our Conference and the University of Vermont Pasture Network that paid the hotel room rentals for other farmer members in attendance with grant money from a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant Program. Without these funds, we would not have been able to pay all the bills with just the registration fees. We were also heartened by the attendance of Mr. Michael Morris, West Virginia Farm Bureau. He was very much interested in the findings of the literature review of riparian grazing effects on water quality, our first technical session.

The Conference offered 10.5 continuing education credits to Certified Crop Advisors and Certified Forage and Grassland Professionals from ASA-CSSA-SSSA and the American Forage and Grassland Council respectively.

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