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**Perry County Conservation District Hosts Grazing Field Day on
August 2nd, 2019 at the Eberly Farm in Loysville, PA**



The Perry County Conservation District hosted a Grazing Field Day on Friday, August 2 at the farm of Darryl Eberly and family in Loysville, PA. This field day was focused on discussing helpful information with livestock grazers and how to achieve greater soil health in pastures.

Attendees were greeted by special guests District Board Chairman Oscar Campbell, Representative Mark Keller, Sara Keller of Senator John DiSanto's Office, Commissioner Stephen Naylor, FFA State Vice President Thomas Gabel, and farm owner Darryl Eberly. During the morning sessions, presentations were given by NRCS Grazing Specialists Titus Martin & Suzette Truax, 'Grazing Cover Crops' with John David Hoover of Green Park Seeds, 'How Grass Affects Nutrition' with David Hartman of Penn State Extension, and 'What is a Pasture?' with Brady Seeley of the Cumberland County Conservation District. Lunch was catered by the Smoke House Griddle of Mifflintown. A Q&A session was held after lunch with several local farmers who elaborated on their successes and struggles of producing grass-fed livestock followed by a live demonstration of the soil health rainfall simulator with Lindsay Bream of NRCS. The day concluded with a pasture walk with Titus Martin and Darryl Eberly, as pictured above. Other activities included a Kids Corner games & craft table along with the Perry County 4-H Dairy Promotion team who served locally made ice cream after lunch.

Ninety individuals attended the event.