

# PRESS RELEASE

## **Alternative Energy Project Money Available Immediately For Graziers**

*Wallingford, PA*—Southeast Project Grass announces that funding is available for livestock watering systems powered by alternative energy. Producers who are currently grazing their livestock utilizing a rotational grazing system are eligible for grant funding to cost-share the installation of these watering systems. Funding is available for the installation of a solar powered watering system or a watering system utilizing a ram pump to provide water to an established grazing system.

Southeast Project Grass is inviting all producers who are interested in utilizing alternative energy to water their livestock while grazing to apply for this grant funding. Funding for these projects is being provided by an Energy Harvest grant obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Southeast Chapter of Project Grass encompasses producers residing in Berks, Chester, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties. Funding is being offered on a first come, first serve basis and interested producers should request an application for funding by contacting Randy Williams, Secretary/Treasurer of Southeast Project Grass by emailing; [secretary@southeastprojectgrass.org](mailto:secretary@southeastprojectgrass.org) or calling Unique Systems, Inc at 610-499-1463 and asking for him. All funded projects must be installed in 2009.

Southeast Project Grass is a producer-led organization consisting of dairy, livestock, and equine producers. Southeast Project Grass is looking for representation from all of its membership counties as well as producers to serve in leadership positions for the organization. In addition to promoting and managing grassland acres, Southeast Project Grass is also involved in obtaining grant funding to help producers install and maintain grazing and conservation practices on the farm. A spring educational and business meeting will be held on Friday, March 20, 2009 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Berks County Agricultural Center in Leesport, PA. Anyone who is interested in utilizing grass on their farms and promoting those ideas to others are encouraged to attend. More information on the event will be released shortly. Once again, Southeast Project Grass is looking for interested producers of dairy, beef, horses, sheep, goats, as well as alpacas, llamas, and poultry to join the organization and promote the use and protection of grassland resources.

For more information on the Alternative Energy Livestock Watering Systems or Southeast Project Grass, contact the secretary, Randy Williams at 610-499-1463, or Chris Johnson at 610-372-4657 ex. 205.