Here is the new forage wagon to be used at the Western Maryland Research and Education Center near Keedysville. The wagon will collect freshly cut forage from our plot studies (and other forage fields). Its operation will enhance our ability to perform timely harvests, which are important in our studies of forage crop response to insect pests in relation to other forage management practices, such as legume-grass mixtures.

Standing in front of the wagon is our field helpers for the July harvest. From the right: Scott Berg, Lab Manager; Hannah Nealis, part of the local crew from Keedysville; Alan Leslie, Ph.D. student; Libby Sancomb, newly graduated B.S. student working as part of the NSF ExPERT Program; Melanie Stevens, U of Md student and part-time employee of the lab; and Evangeline Sy, teacher at Friendly High School and part of NSF ExPERT Program.

The wagon has graffiti from an unknown source on the front.

Lead photographer. This is Bill’s 26th year at the farm.