

● **Evaluation Center**  
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young sires which will be used for breeding purposes in the future. In addition, he said, tests will reveal those unprofitable animals that should be culled from the herd or flock. The Meat Animal Evaluation Center is operated under the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Penn State Agricultural Extension Service. Robert L. Kimble, former associate Centre county agent, serves as Director.

With six animals per pen, the Center has facilities to house five pens of sheep, 20 pens of swine, and 10 pens of beef cattle. All animals on test are receiving a self-fed pelleted ration. All management phases are exactly the same for each species. The animals are weighed monthly.

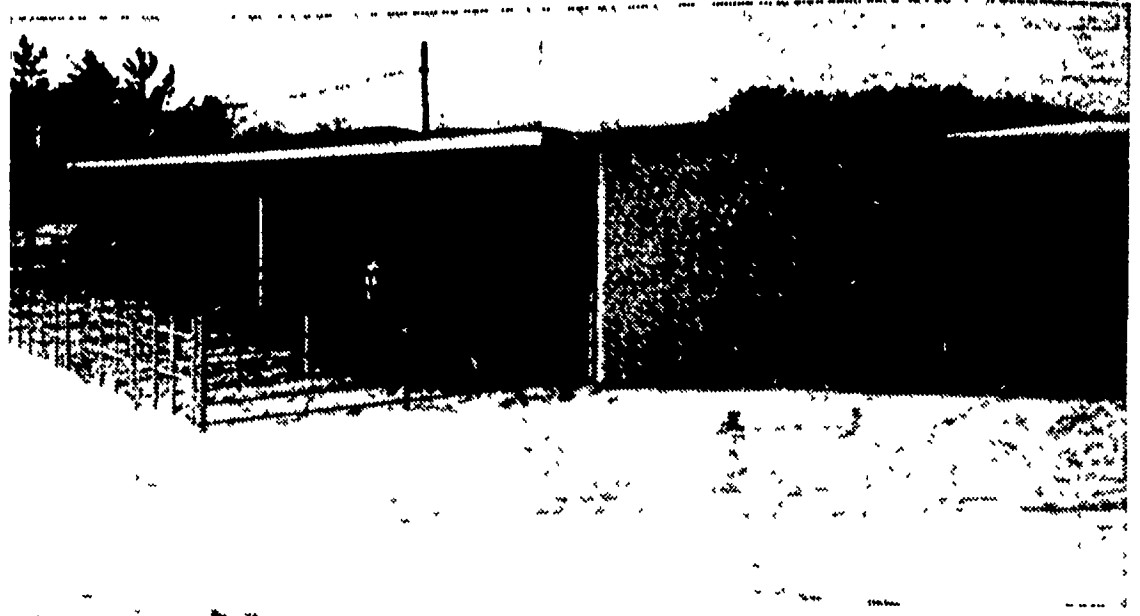
"This service will benefit all Commonwealth livestockmen, not just those who have animals on test, Kimble pointed out. "The results from all studies will be available to all breeders to make comparisons when deciding which sires to

purchase. In addition, our data will help strengthen sire production programs between states."

Policies and procedures of the Center are governed by an Executive Committee under the co-chairmanship of Dr. John C. Shook, director of the State Bureau of Animal Industry, and Dr. Thomas B. King, head of the Department of Animal Science at Penn State. Two advisory groups, a Species Committee from each of the three species represented and a Technical Committee of specialists in the field will assist the Executive Committee in implementing and establishing policies at the Center.

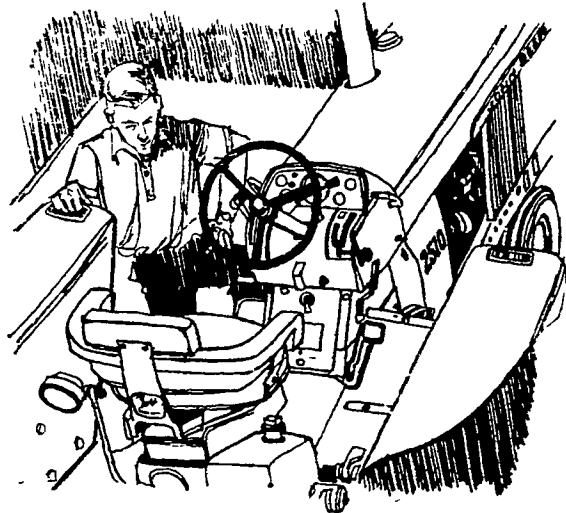
According to Kimble, farmers desiring to place animals on test may receive information, including rules and regulations, at the County Agricultural Extension Service Office. Animals will be selected for trials during certain periods of the year only in order that a maximum number of tests can be run at the lowest possible cost. Animals will be purchased at an established price.

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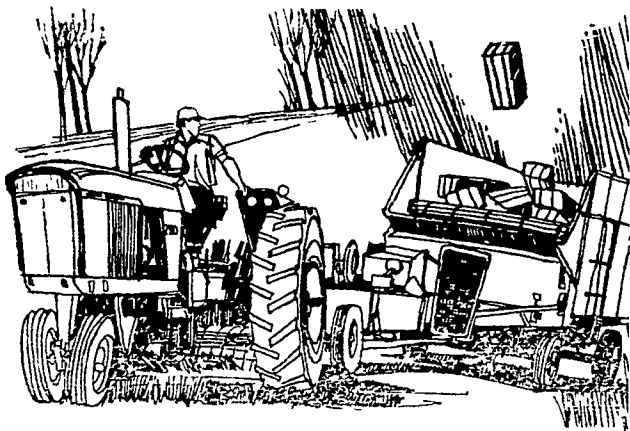


Beef cattle pens at the new Meat Animal Evaluation Center will house 60 steers and heifers. All animals on test are raised under specific feeding and management practices until they reach market weight.

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