

## Wye Plantation has new director

QUEENSTOWN — The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Maryland has appointed Richard L. Beck, a York county native, to direct the Wye Angus cattle program at Wye Plantation.

Beck's responsibilities at Wye Plantation will include performance testing of cattle, promotional activities, and the management of daily operations. As program manager, he also will be responsible for coordination of research and breeding.

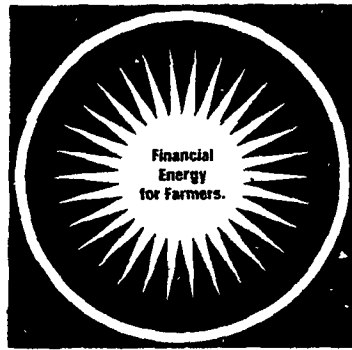
Beck succeeds Gordon M. Cairns, dean emeritus of the University's College of Agriculture, who has managed the Wye Angus herd for the past three years. Cairns will continue with the University as an advisor to the director of the experiment station, Lamar Harris.

"We are grateful to Cairns for his leadership of the program since the Wye herd was given to the University in 1978 by Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. We are fortunate that his background and experience in livestock and farm management will continue to be available to the Experiment Station", Harris said.

According to Harris, research at Wye under Beck's leadership will be directed toward the improvement of beef production through scientific selection for efficient and rapid growth; for optimum reproduction efficiency; maximizing the quality of forage utilization in the breeding herd; and for optimum ratios of lean to fatty tissues.

A graduate of Penn State, Beck has extensive experience in beef cattle management. Most recently he was manager/secretary of the Western States Angus Association, a trade organization representing cattlemen in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Arizona, Utah and Nevada. In that position Beck published the association's monthly magazine and managed sales for association members. Previously he was a regional manager of the American Angus Association; assistant manager of Irvington Farms in Gaithersburg, Maryland; and cow herd manager at Schearbrook Angus Farm in Stevensville, Montana.

At Penn State, Beck won numerous awards in livestock judging; managed the 58th Little International Livestock Exposition; and was voted outstanding Senior in the College of Agriculture.



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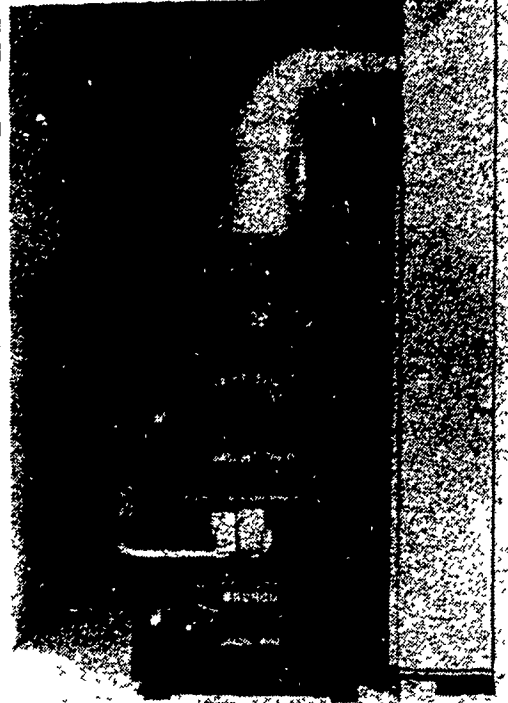
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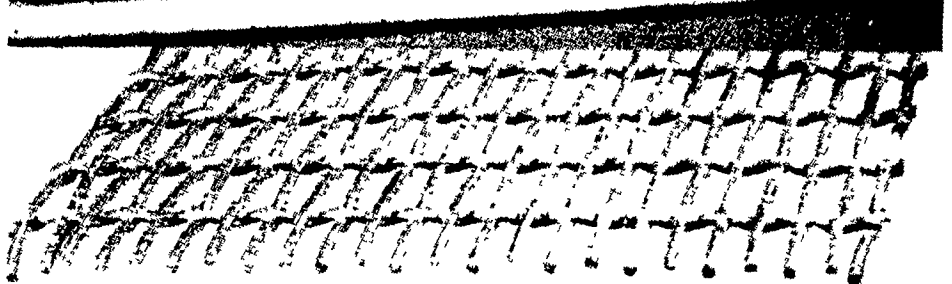
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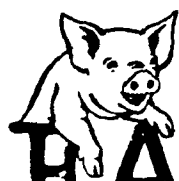
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