## Penn Twp. sludge

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application; stakes off the areas tor application tollowing DER specifications; and then periodically samples the soil after application.

Once application begins, the drivers keep accurate records of

the exact amounts applied and the content of the sludge. Upon completion, the farmer receives a summary sheet listing the date of application, the farm, which fields were covered, the percentage of N-P-K, the time, gallons, and the tons of dry matter. The farmer can use

The sludge is loaded in the "Big A" from a 6,000-gallon tanker truck. Due to the size of the tanker, use of the "Big A"

this information to determine any additional tertilizers to be applied.

Hess says this is when the tarmer can really see the savings. Though all this is at no cost to the tarmer, he is obligated by his permit to maintain a 6.5 ph level in the soil. This will require that he lune his fields, a practice which Hess says the tarmer should probably do anyway.

According to Hess, Penn Township is currently spreading studge on 32 sites which represent 1,200 acres. Hess projected, "Our sludge could be saving tarmers about \$32 an acre. That projection could be low since it is based on 1981 fertilizer costs. A farmer near Lattlestown projects a savings of about \$50 an acre.

"The key in making this work is that the farmer be able to manage his farm. He must keep accurate records and plan his crop rotations," Hess observes.

Hess admits he feels fortunate to be working with the Penn Township facilities since they are one of the few places to his knowledge that employ a person solely to operate such a program. Hess adds proudly that DER rates the Penn

## AJCC announces meeting

annual meeting of The American Jersey Cattle Club and its marketing arm National All-Jersey Inc. will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on June 9, 10 and 11. The Wichita Hilton East will be convention headquarters.

More than 500 Jersey breeders from across the United States are expected for the event. The National Heifer Sale and the Great Plains Classic will highlight the

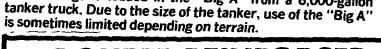
Township program as the best of its kind in the Harrisburg Region. Hess has received numerous. requests from other municipalities and Penn State for additional interature on the entire operation. Hess welcomes anyone seeking additional information on sludge application to call the waste water treatment plant at 717/637-1561.

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> Tours of Wichita and the Flint Hills are planned. The Wichita Windwagon, hot-air bailoons, Historic Cowtown and demonstrations by Wetzel Jewelers, Gragg Furs and artist Charles H. Sanderson will be features of the program.

Dr. Chase Wilson, Prairie Village, is the president of the Kansas Jersey Cattle Club, hosts of the event. Convention chairmen are Daryl and Judy Lewis of Piedmont. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the AJCC Board of Directors.







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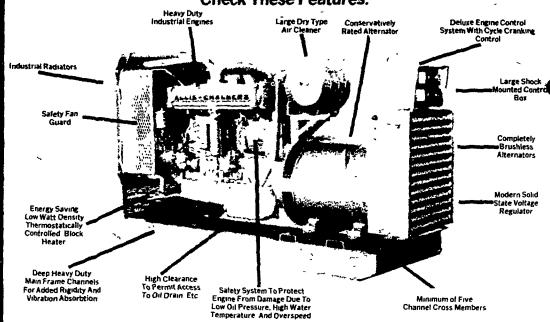
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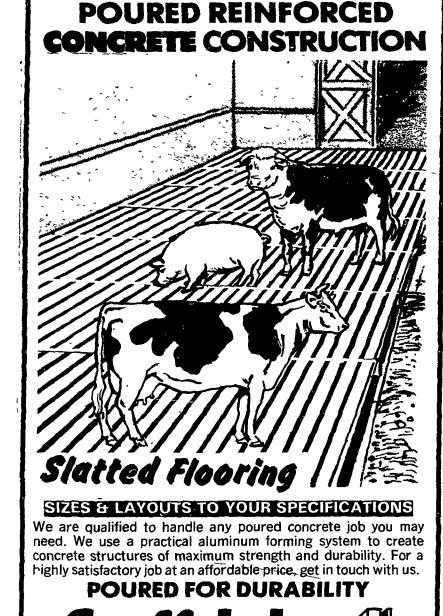


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