

Purdy receives Polled Hereford award

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Herman R. Purdy, professor emeritus at Penn State has been named to the American Polled Hereford Association's Hall of Merit for his outstanding contributions in the field of youth work.

Each year four individuals are honored by the APHA for their work in the areas of education and research, public affairs, communications and youth activities.

Purdy is a renowned cattle judge with more than 1,200 shows to his

credit. The majority of these shows have been junior shows, and 4-H, FFA and junior cattle breeders across the nation have benefited from Purdy's 40 years of work as a livestock judge. He is always ready to answer questions and his

advice and guidance have had an early influence on some of today's most prominent cattle producers. Purdy has judged livestock shows in England, Scotland, Canada, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, and 44 states in the U.S.

A native of Harris, Mo., Purdy was raised on beef cattle farms in Missouri, Tennessee, Colorado, Iowa and Indiana. He received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State where he was a member of the livestock judging team. Following graduation he was employed in the Ohio State Meats Laboratory and in 1945 was placed in charge of the university's beef herds.

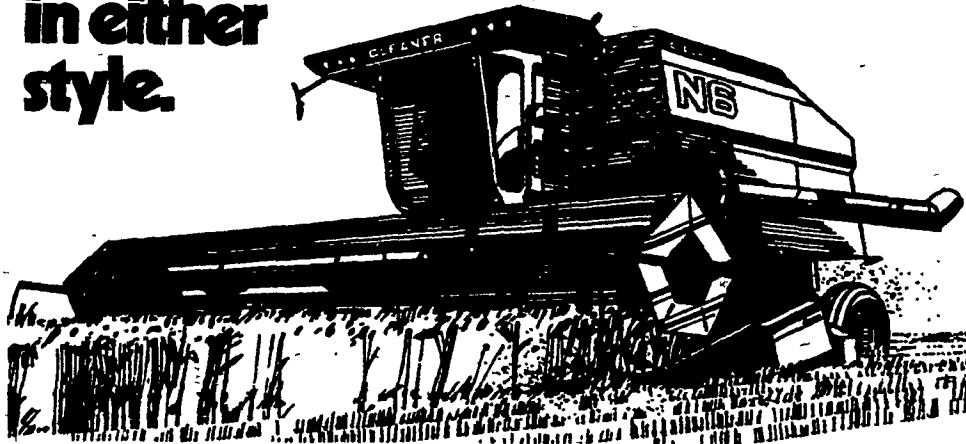
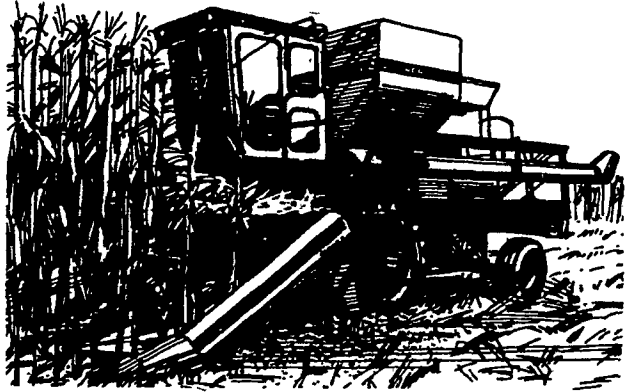
In 1954 Purdy joined the staff at Penn State, where he received his master's degree in 1958. Before his retirement in 1972, Purdy was in charge of Penn State's pedigreed livestock program. Under his leadership Penn State has shown more championship beef cattle, sheep, swine and horses at major livestock shows than any other university. He also has coached eight winning livestock judging teams, including teams that won the 1946 and 1966 contests at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Purdy is listed in American Men of Science and Who's Who in the East. His picture hangs in the Hall of Fame at Ohio State as an outstanding graduate in animal husbandry, and he received Ohio State's distinguished alumnus award in 1970. Penn State's animal science department honored him with their distinguished service award in 1978. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Science, Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Xi and the honorary agricultural fraternities Gamma Sigma Delta and Alpha Zeta.

Since retirement, Purdy has remained in top demand as a beef cattle judge and is continuing his work with purebred livestock at his farm in Alexandria, Huntingdon County.

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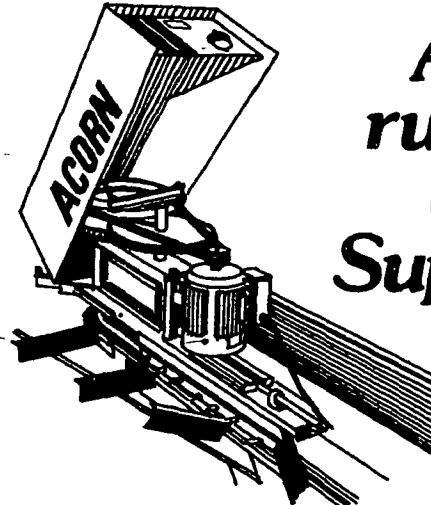


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