

Stoltzfus attends Agway seminar

Melvin R. Stoltzfus, of Lancaster, was one of over 40 Agway farm systems salespersons who attended a three-day seminar in Syracuse recently.

One of the highlights was the introduction of the new Agway Cattle-Code computer system which allows dairy farmers to feed individual cows for optimum milk production and highest milk-to-feed ratio.

The Cattle-Code feeder has been extensively tested at the Agway Farm Research Center near Tully, N.Y. The modular system consists of an identifier worn around the neck of the cow which activates a

computer controlled feeder when the cow enters a special feeding station. A measured portion of feed is released to the cow by the computer activated feed auger. High producing cows in the dairy herd can thus be provided with additional concentrates for optimum milk production.

The computerized feeding system will be discussed with local dairy farmers soon along with other new livestock management equipment and systems including a biogas generating unit developed, tested and marketed by Agway.

The farm systems seminar is

held annually together with other training sessions throughout the year to provide the latest information on technological advances to be passed on to Northeast farmers for possible adaption in their own farming operations.

Conservation on view

AG PROGRESS — A program on how farmers can get the most products out of their woodlot will be one of the many features of the Conservation Education Tours during Penn State's Ag Progress Days.

Soil and water conservation practices will be stressed in the bus tours of the conservation research area which will be available each day from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Demonstrations will include ways to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and improve pastures.

The amount of conservation planning materials has been expanded in the area tent, and grassland exhibits will also be on display. A College of Agriculture expert on conservation plants will be on hand at all times to answer any of your questions.

Visitors can see more than 30 different soil conserving plants on display, says Frederick Bubb of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Harrisburg, and chairman of the conservation education committee. The special plant display is being prepared by Dr. Guy W. McKee, Penn State professor of agronomy, in cooperation with the USDA Soil Conservation Service's Plant Materials Center in Big Flat, New York.

Bale Buster introduced

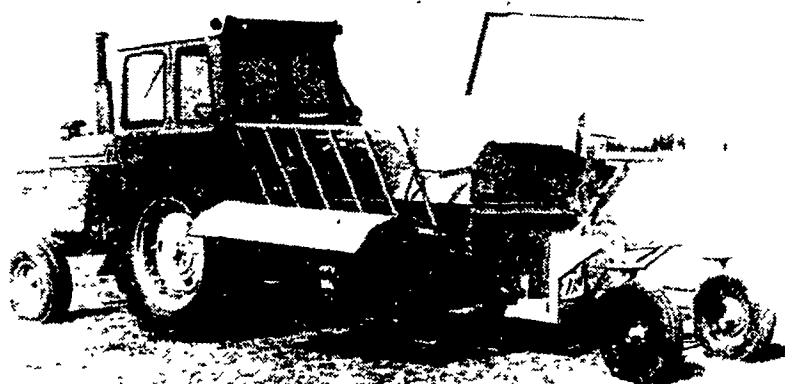
PELLA, Ia. — A new, innovative way to shred and feed big round bales in the field - the Bale Buster - has just recently been introduced by Vermeer Manufacturing Co., Pella, Iowa.

The Vermeer Bale Buster is completely operated from the tractor seat. A hydraulic fork lifts the bale from the ground into a shredder equipped with heat-treated knives. A flow control valve regulates the grinding or shredding action for fine or coarse feed.

Then, the Bale Buster lays the hay out in easy-to-feed windrows,

or delivers it directly into the feed bunk with a special, optional bunk feeder attachment. The 2760 lb. (1250 kg) unit also handles all types of bedding or mulching material for easy delivery into loafing sheds and on land reclamation sites.

The Bale Buster handles a package up to 5 1/2 feet (168 cm) long, 6 1/2 feet (198 cm) in diameter and up to 1500 lbs. (680 kg). A minimum 50 hp Category II 3-point tractor is recommended. When used on smaller tractors, 3-point rating must be at least 4000 lbs. (1812 kg).



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New auctioneer



Joe F. Felice, 104 Locksley Road, Glen Mills, has returned from Kansas City, Mo., where he successfully completed the course in Auctioneering and Auction sales Management at the Missouri Auction School.

He received his diploma and the honorary title of Colonel along with men and women auctioneers from throughout the United States and Canada.

The concentrated two week course is conducted by the Missouri Auction School at the world's largest auction training center in the Kansas City Stockyards. His training included lectures and work-shops featuring prominent auctioneers from throughout America.

He is shown receiving his diploma from Col. Richard W. Dewees, president of the school.



Melvin R. Stoltzfus, Lancaster, inspects Cattle-Code computer feeding system at Agway Research Farm.

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