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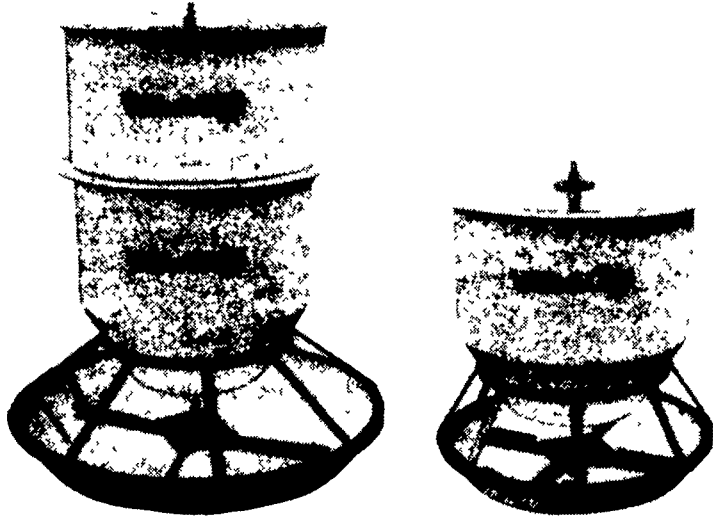
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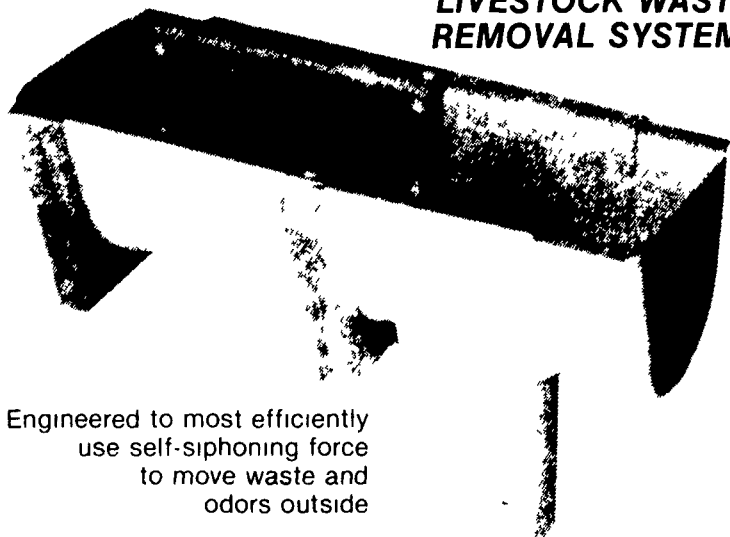
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## 2-year agronomy programs rate well

UNIVERSITY PARK — Graduates of two-year college programs in agronomy are generally satisfied with their courses and employment, judging from a study carried out in the College of Agriculture at Penn State.

The project crossed state borders, involving surveys among graduates of two-year agronomy programs at the agricultural and technical colleges of Cobleskill and Morrisville, N.Y. Conducting the research as a phase of his doctoral degree work was Douglas M. Goodale of the Cobleskill faculty.

All two-year agronomy graduates of the two colleges from 1977 to 1981 were surveyed by mail to determine their satisfaction with careers and college courses. The research was carried out as part of a Penn State agricultural Experiment project to identify benefits of two-year, associate degree programs.

Fifty-three percent of the graduates indicated they were

employed immediately upon graduation. It took most graduates about one to 1½ weeks after graduation to find employment.

Twenty-nine distinctly different occupations were listed by the graduates. Job titles occurring most often were managers, non-farm laborers, technicians, assistant managers, farm laborers, salesmen, and farm operators. About half of the graduates and changed jobs during the time period studied. In their present work, 43 percent had the same job titles as in their first employment.

Most indicated they were somewhat satisfied or highly satisfied with their present work. Of those working directly in agronomy, 50 percent were satisfied with their employment. Moreover, 53 percent of those working in jobs not related to agronomy were also satisfied.

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