

Lab Field Day

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soybean varieties, and Dr. Richard Cole introducing new potato strains and discussing disease control.

Other topics discussed were the use of soybean herbicides, by Dr. Nate Hartwig, forage fertility, by Les Lanyon and a presentation on potato insecticides emphasizing control of the Colorado potato beetle, by Jean Wallace.

In the Lab's front yard, plant breeder Richard Craig reviewed a colorful splash of new flowers of interest to both commercial growers and consumers.

In sharp contrast to last summer's dry conditions, a leaden sky threatened to put the damper on the afternoon's activities. Fortunately, the rain held off until nearly 3 p.m., as the Field Day was drawing to a close.



Holstein breeders attending the annual Butler County Twilight meeting take part in a judging contest.

Dean's host

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Promotion Committee and urged the continuing support of the county dairy farmers with their program.

A special guest attending the meeting was Harry Van Wijk, a dairy production major from Holland who is working on the George Kudoc dairy farm. Van Wijk told the group that the Freisian cattle in his homeland are

"beefier" than those in the United States. He also said that his family farms below sea level and raises 120 head of cattle.

This year's event was co-chaired by Wedell Smith and Albert Hogg with the County Extension Service and the local Holstein Club sponsoring the yearly summer meeting.

Wrapping up the program was a tour of the newly remodeled dairy barn, where free stalls were converted to individual tie stalls. Also, work was done on the calf and heifer facilities.

George and Peggy Dean have a rolling herd average of 18,315 pounds milk and 686 pounds fat at 3.7 percent butterfat. The herd was purchased from Theodore and Mary Miller along with machinery just five years ago. In an agreement with the Millers, the Deans rent the 125 acres of land and the buildings with plans to purchase the entire operation.

Butler Agway handled the parking arrangements for the meeting and Atlantic Breeder's served a dinner following the evening program.



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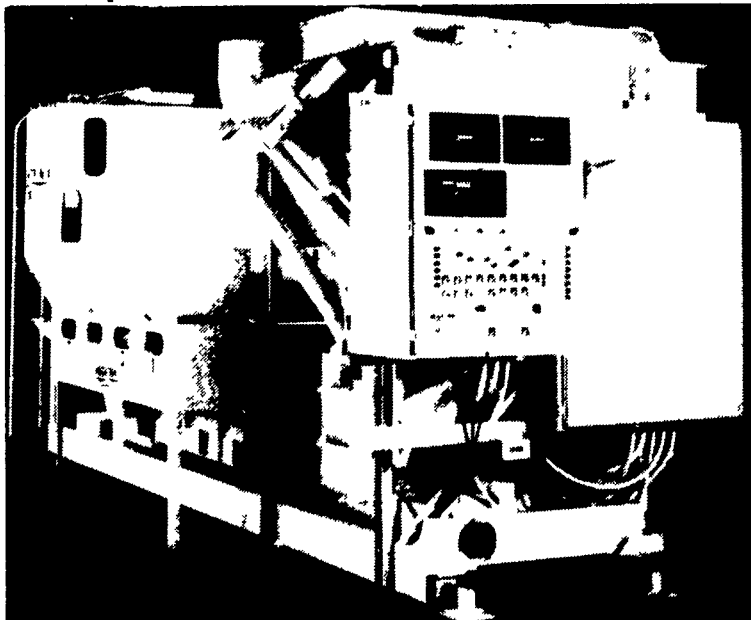


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