

## Animal Sciences Chairman Announced in Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, MD — Dennis C. Westhoff of Magothy Beach (Anne Arundel County) has been named the first permanent animal sciences department chairperson in the College of Agriculture at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Westhoff had served as interim head since September 1982, when the former animal science and dairy science department were merged into one administrative unit. Before that, he was acting dairy science department chairperson for about 1½ years.

A faculty member at the College Park campus since 1970, Westhoff established his professional

reputation in the realm of dairy food technology. He has been a principal investigator on a 10-year research study to prolong the shelf life of milk indefinitely through ultra-high treatment with the patented DASI FreeFallingFilm heater.

The UHT equipment is installed in Turner laboratory, the University of Maryland's dairy science research facility in the rear of the dairy sales room on the College Park campus.

In addition to the sterile milk program, Westhoff has been involved in research on yogurt, cottage cheese, buttermilk, Venezuelan white cheese and

utilization of milk industry byproducts such as cheese whey and lactic casein. He also participated in a study on the suitability of paper cartons for long-term, non-refrigerated storage of sterile milk.

Westhoff has co-authored books on Food Microbiology and All About Yogurt. During a sabbatical leave in 1978, he began work on The Endicott Experiments, an unpublished historical accounting of a "Manhattan-type project" to establish public health parameters for milk pasteurization.

The Maryland dairy scientist has written and spoken extensively about the future of his profession—food microbiology. He is currently an editorial board member for the Journal of Food Protection, a monthly publication of the In-

ternational Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians.

A native of Jersey City, N.J., Westhoff holds an associate arts degree in dairy and food technology from the State University of New York at Cobleskill and a baccalaureate

degree in dairy science from the University of Georgia at Athens. He earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in food science at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

During his graduate study at North Carolina State, he was a National Institutes of Health research fellow.

## Trayer speaks at Ohio State

COLUMBUS, OH — Dr. Timothy P. Trayer, veterinarian from Denver, Pennsylvania, was a speaker for the 7th Annual Swine Update Program, August 14, 1985, at the College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State

University. This is a continuing education program presented each year for veterinarians.

Dr. Trayer spoke on the "Prevention, Control and Treatment of Diseases in an Intense Area of Swine Practice."

## Managing alfalfa

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this date. Storage of foods in the roots and crowns is usually completed by this time, especially if you've had a good frost. However, with these late cuttings be sure to leave a tall stubble that will help to catch and hold any snow to protect the plants during winter.

If, on the other hand, you end up in September with a heavy stand of alfalfa, your earlier cuttings were lenient, and at least 45 days has elapsed since the last cutting, it's probably okay to cut even during this so-called critical period.

But again remember you stack the odds in your favor if you've (1) used a top, multi-pest resistant variety, (2) maintained a good potash fertility program, and (3) kept insects, especially leafhopper, under control during the growing season.

Dr. Sidney Bosworth, Extension forage specialist, at Penn State, recently published an excellent leaflet on cutting management of alfalfa, red clover and birdsfoot trefoil. You may want to pick up a copy from your local county agent.

Next month, for a change of pace, we'll take a look at forage farming on the dairy and livestock farms of northern Japan.



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