

Bixlers open house

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Penn State, Wingenroth said. And the results have been outstanding.

The chicken house, needless to say, required extensive renovations to meet the needs of the dairy industry. A bulldozer cleaned out the old concrete floor, and lowered the surface several inches. And windows and wall materials were added, as well as some insulation.

"But from the inside, you wouldn't know it's not a new barn," said Wingenroth.

Part of the savings, he noted, resulted from the fact that the facility was built to carefully

drawn specifications, with none of the on-the-spot negotiations — and changes — that often drive up the cost of construction.

"We knew exactly what we were going to do," said Bixler. "There were no major changes or additions."

The consulting work, he added, was well worth the time, effort and money it cost.

"It's worth the money just to know where you're going," Bixler added.

And while part of the function of the open house is to allow other dairymen to see the facility, said

Bixler, it's also a way for neighbors and friends to see how the family is coming along.

About 150 friends, neighbors and even some strangers, helped clean up after the fire, Bixler said. And many, though curious, have stayed away to give the family time to get back on its feet.

"This is our way to show them what we've done, and to say thanks," he said.

Other participants in the open house include Automatic Farm Systems, Rufus Brubaker Refrigeration, Fisher and Thompson Associates, Jack Garner and Sons Welding, Norbco Equipment, R.V. Richards and Sons, Inc., Riehl Construction and White Oak Mills.

Cochranville dealer to carry Hesston Tilt-Tub Processor

HESSTON, Kn. — Hesston's revolutionary new Tilt-Tub Bale Processor is now available at Stoltzfus Farm Service Inc., Cochranville.

"The unique new Tilt-Tub is today's answer for the growing number of farmers and ranchers using round bales," says Bob Granaas, product sales manager. "It is far more versatile and economical to use than other round bale feeding systems. And, it will handle almost all competitive round bales, large or small."

Tub width of the Model BP-20 Bale Processor is seven and one-half feet and container depth is 49 inches. The exclusive 90-degree tilting tub allows quick, easy self-loading.

Once loaded, it efficiently processes and feeds bales at an

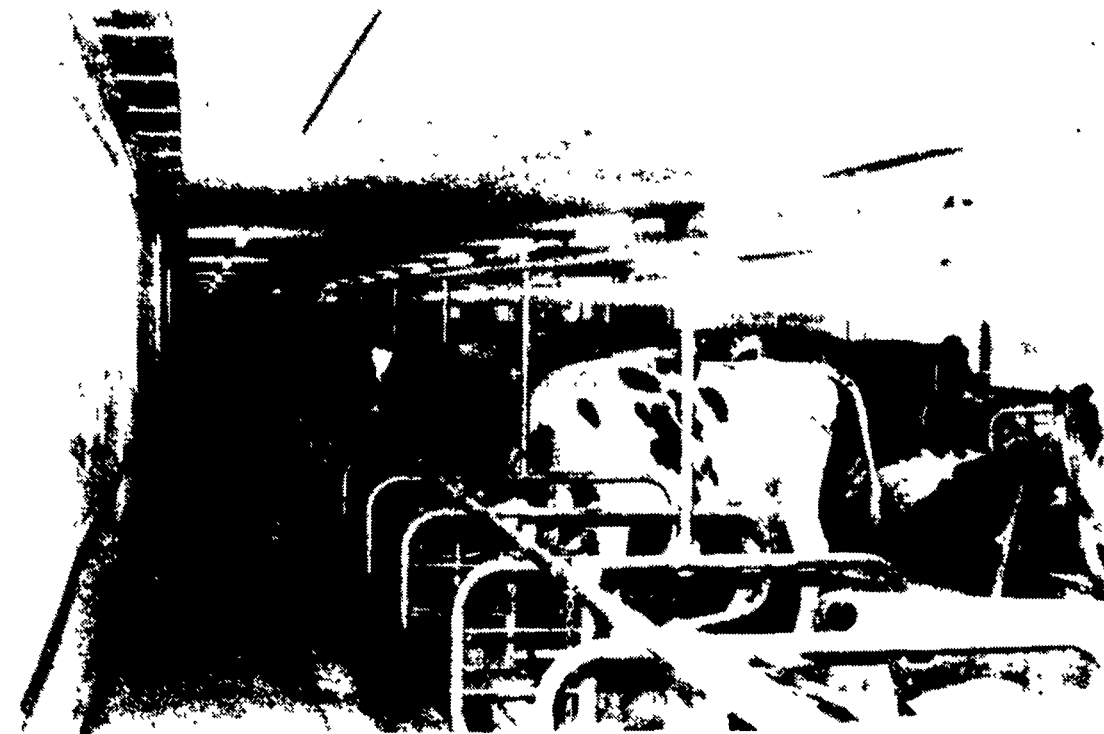
average rate of four to six minutes each. The design of the Tilt-Tub uses the bale's own weight to force the hay into the processor's rotor blades. Changing rotation speed also permits varied lengths for different feeding operations.

The Bale Processor requires 540 rpm and can be operated with as small as a 60 horsepower tractor.

"After field-testing this product through three harsh winters, we have proven its value in wet or snowy conditions," Granaas explained. "It has exceptional speed, reliability and flexibility in traditional bunk or range feeding applications."

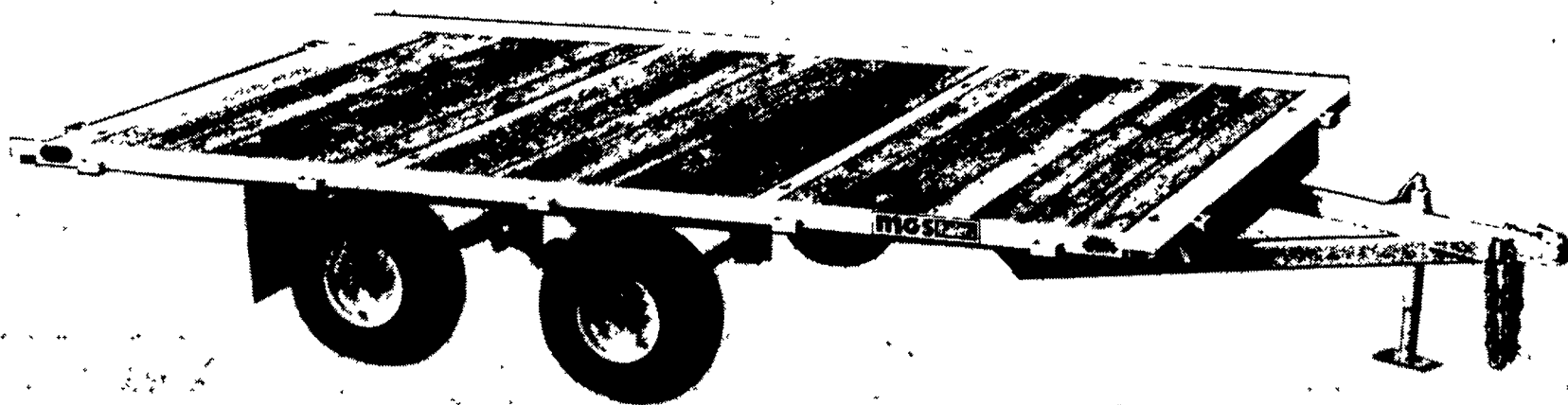
"It's so unique," Granaas added, "that we expect many uses will be discovered for it in addition to its designed applications. It's a must for the user of round bales."

A wide center aisle allows the Bixlers plenty of room to maneuver during milking time.



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