DuPont Donates Cows To University of Delaware Herds

NEWARK, Del. - Six cows three Jerseys and three Black Angus – were donated recently to the University of Delaware Agricultural Experiment Station by Richard S. duPont and his brother William K. duPont.

The Jerseys have been addd to the university's Newark-based dairy herd, which is being used to conduct research on dairy production practices in an urban environment. According to extension dairy specialist Dr. George Haenlein, this breed is especially welcome because its rich milk will help raise protein and total solids

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levels of tank milk from the herd, which is predominantly Holstein cows whose milk normally tests lower. The higher the protein and solids, the higher the price received.

"We already have several Jerseys for the same purpose, but they've dropped more bull calves than heifers lately," he explains, "so we can use a few more. In dairy herds in some parts of the country, up to 10 percent of the cows are Jerseys."

The Black Angus cows have been added to the university beef herd, which is used primarily for

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teaching purposes.

"The university has a long history of cooperation with area residents who have given both dairy and beef cattle," Haenlein says.

"For many years, we had a bull exchange with Colonel Henry Francis duPont's famous Winterthur Holstein herd. In 1960, Harold Shutt, Sr., of Chadds Ford, Pa., donated his Guernsey herd. And in the early 1970s, Hallock duPont gave us the Black Angus herd whch established the livestock teaching program in the College of Agricultural Sciences."

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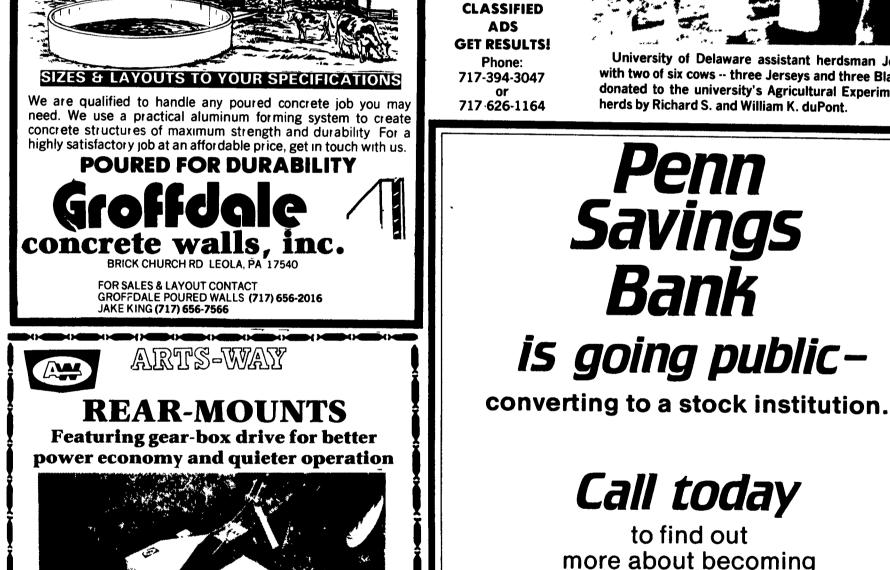
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In addition, Haenlein says, over the years several individual cows have been donated to the university dairy herd, and two of

the Experiment Station's dairy barns were built with farmer donations.



University of Delaware assistant herdsman Joe Maloney with two of six cows -- three Jerseys and three Black Angus -donated to the university's Agricultural Experiment Station



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