

## Purebred Angus Added To Alfred State Beef Program

ALFRED, NY — Alfred State College recently added seven purebred Angus to the institution's beef program.

The new arrivals are four cows, two heifer calves, and a bull calf, all obtained from Wayne Heyden of Morrisville. More are expected to be added, according to Lee LaRoche, assistant professor of animal science, and Tim Pajda, livestock herdsman.

"By integrating Angus into the livestock program, we provide students a chance to gain practical experience with purebred registered cattle and to become familiar with management techniques unique to them," said LaRoche.

Before the Angus arrived, the College's commercial beef herd consisted of a three-breed rotational cross of Angus, Charolais, and Simmental cattle.

Plans are being made to show the purebred Angus at various fairs during the summer of '88.

Alfred's 800-acre college farm already manages the largest commercial beef herd of any two-year state university college, according to LaRoche, who said addition of purebred Angus "enables us to enhance our livestock program while still maintaining the high standards of the commercial herd."

He said an important reason for adding purebred Angus to the beef program is that although many students will work with commercial cattle after graduation, more and more are finding jobs with purebred operations.

To illustrate beef industry support of the new dimension, Warren Bippert of Alden has donated enough high quality semen from such Angus bulls as New Yorker, Foolish Pride, Firecracker, Sayre Patriot, and New York New York to breed the four Angus cows this spring.

Hands-on training which students receive includes complete

responsibility for grooming cattle in preparation for sales and shows, LaRoche said, adding that students are also assigned cattle which they must train and groom for the annual Showmanship Day

competition at the college farm.

Beyond classroom instruction, students also are involved in the day-to-day management of the cattle, including processing

calves, hoof trimming, dehorning, monitoring and managing the nutritional and health programs of the cattle, synchronizing heifers and cows for breeding, and selecting bulls.



Alfred State's new purebred Angus are shown by John M. Dickenson (left); John R. Donnelly; Lee LaRoche, asst. professor of animal science; Kenneth Barker; Tim Pajda, herdsman; Kevin Brown; and Russell Karr.

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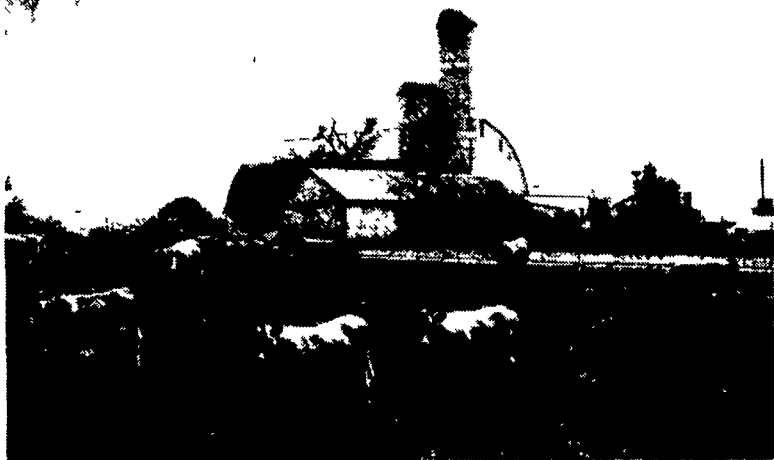
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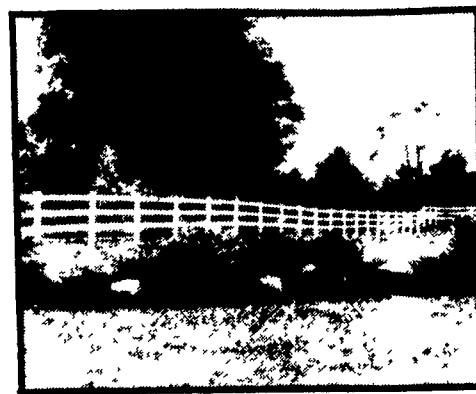
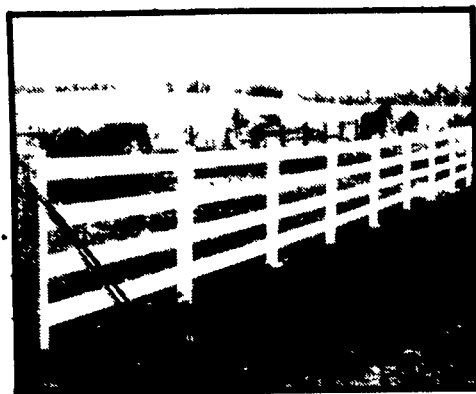
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