

# Penn State Creates New Dairy Major

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — Penn State College of Agriculture students will have more options to choose from with the creation of a new major in dairy and animal science.

A new dairy and animal science major, which replaces two former majors in dairy production and animal production, has four options -- dairy production-management; animal production-management,

business and science. "We are giving students more choices than they had before by providing the four options," says Thomas Merritt, chairman of the undergraduate program committee in the department of dairy and animal science. "These changes keep us in step with changes in industry and improve employment opportunities for our graduates. We are confident that the change will

increase the demand for our students." The dairy and the animal production-management options allow students to follow a course of study similar to the former majors in dairy production and animal production, he says. Students in this option will take concentrated courses in production, nutrition and agronomy. "Students who enroll in the bus-

ness option will have a good background in production, but they can emphasize courses such as accounting, agricultural economics and business law. These courses will better prepare students to work in agriculture-related industries," Merritt says. "The largest number of our graduates now go to work in industry and sales-related jobs, so we need to prepare them for those careers.

Those in the science option will be prepared to pursue graduate study or go on to professional schools in veterinary and or human medicine. They will take more advanced biology and physiology courses than other students in the major, and have more emphasis on microbiology, chemistry and biochemistry."

Students who have already started at Penn State in the dairy or animal production majors will have the choice of continuing in the old majors or switching to the new major.

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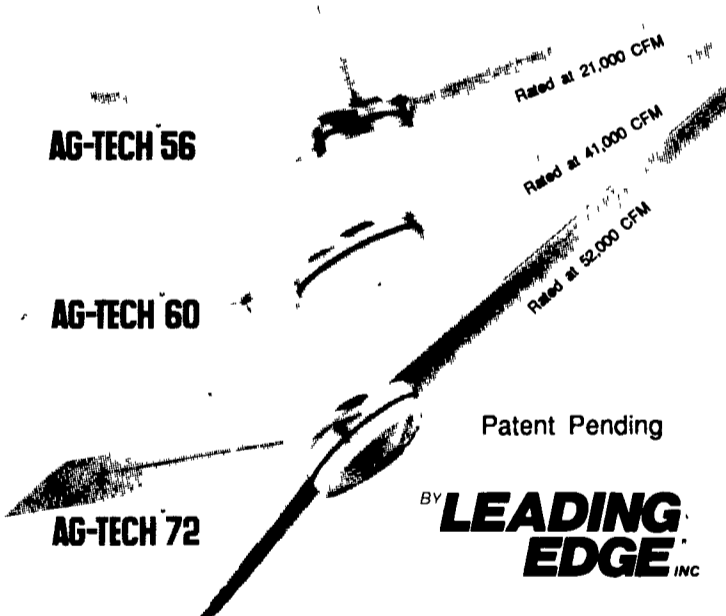
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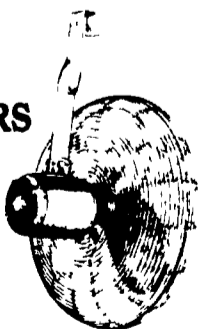
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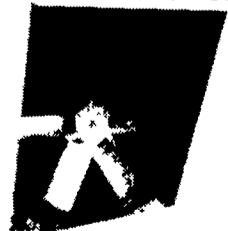
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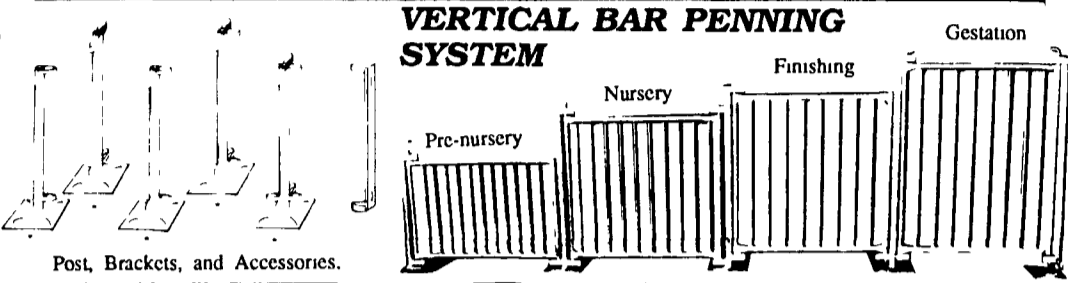


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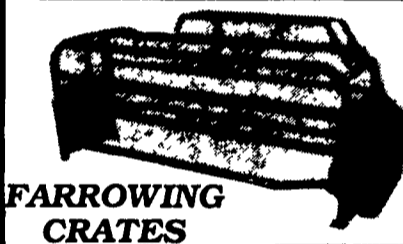


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