

# Penn State Team Tops In Ice Cream



Penn State Dairy Products Evaluation Team from left to right: Richard James, Kenneth Westrick, Andrew Schmidt, and Valerie Garber with University Creamery manager Tom Palchak and coach Sidney E. Barnard.

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — Competing against 23 teams from the United States and Canada, the Penn State team took first place in the ice cream division of the 67th annual Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 24. Penn State is known nationally for its tasty ice cream and now the student judging team has taken national ice cream honors as well.

Food Science students Richard James of Wexford, Andrew Schmidt of Pittsburgh, Kenneth Westrick of Patton and alternate Valerie Garber of Roaring Springs, worked for months with coach Sidney E. Barnard, professor of food science, learning to evaluate dairy products for flavor, body, texture, color and

appearance.

"It was teamwork that made the difference," said Barnard, who regularly evaluates dairy products for individual producers and the dairy industry. Team members not only took an academic course in dairy product judging but also practiced two or three times a week, fine-tuning their taste buds for the final competition. Of the 69 individuals competing, members of the Penn State team all scored in the top third in ice cream and member James placed fourth highest individual in ice cream judging. The team also competed in tasting milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese and butter.

Funds to support the team were provided by the Pennsylvania dairy industry and the College of Agriculture.

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able topsoil we had to follow some basic principles of soil conservation. We listened and without gov-

ernment intervention we rotated our crops.

Cultivated crops were planted one year followed by a small grain or grass-legume the second year and a grass-legume the third year.

We contoured our fields to hold that valuable soil in place and erected diversion terraces to walk off the excess water in severe down pours. We didn't ask for government funds because it was our land and our responsibility to care for it.

After several years of severe dry growing conditions we built ponds and purchased irrigation equipment as insurance against drought.

When it became apparent that our production costs were rising more rapidly than the prices received for our commodities, we went to work at jobs off the farm to supplement our income.

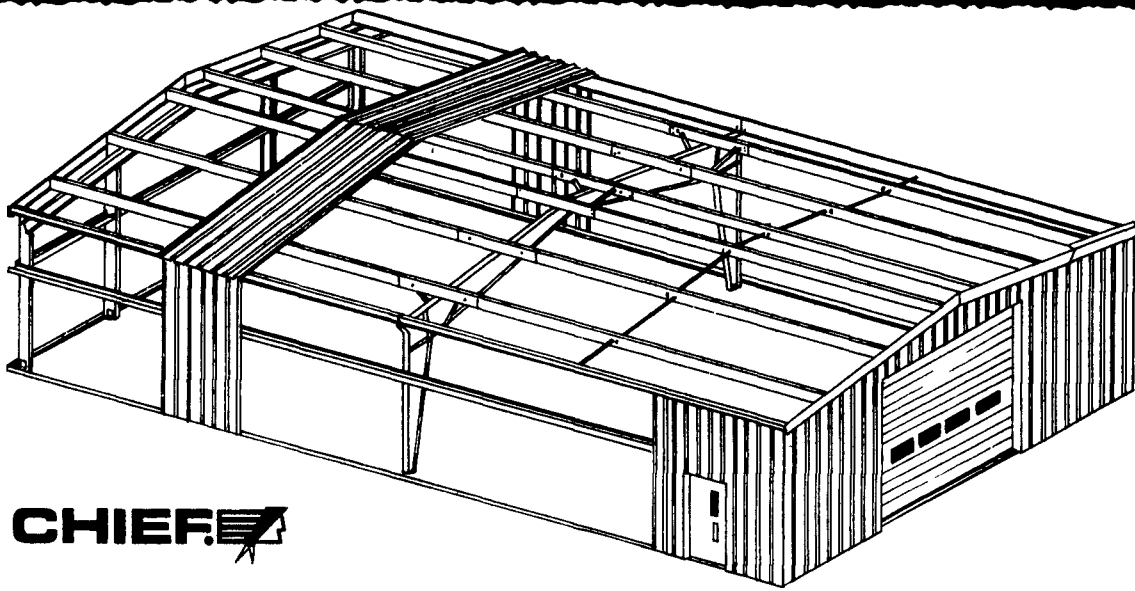
We really liked our farms, but age has a way of slowing down an individual working two jobs.

Around this time the United States government inaugurates the Conservation Reserve Program. It had some merit in that it would preserve the valuable soil.

Since up to this time we had not asked for or received any state or federal money maybe it was time to take a look at this new program. When we called the proper agency for some information, we were told, with a chuckle, that because we did not participate in any government programs and because we had taken care of erosion a long time ago, we would not be eligible.

There are no ideal alternatives at this time. Our only consolation is the belief that some day, some where we will be told "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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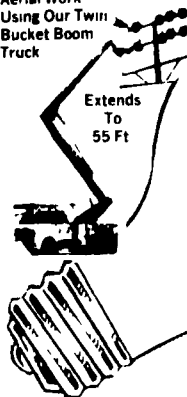
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