

Completes Sales Training

DeFOREST, WI. — To better meet the production and conformation needs of area dairy and beef producers, Robert Hewitt, Spring City, Pennsylvania, has completed an intensive seven-day training program at American Breeders Service.

This program is designed to provide ABS Sales and Service Representatives with a solid background in all areas of artificial insemination (A.I.) management and semen distribution.

During the seven-day program, Hewitt received technical instruction and workshop experience in insemination techniques, semen handling, record keeping, cattle breeding programs and A.I. management for dairy and beef herds.

ABS, the largest A.I. organization in the world, is headquartered near DeForest, Wisconsin. The company goes to great effort to keep its Sales and Service Representatives updated on bull pow-

er, support programs and industry trends so they in turn can confidently advise dairy and beef producers on how best to make mating decisions and manage their A.I. programs.

Heavy emphasis is placed on training representatives in using the Genetic Mating Services (GMS), the first computerized mating system which evolved in 1968. The linear measurement system so popular in the A.I. industry today, started with the GMS program in 1975. Linear evaluation is an objective method of looking at each dairy trait to determine the most beneficial mating.

Hewitt will be working with a specially-trained evaluator in identifying herd breeding objectives of individual dairymen, arranging cow-coding appointments and interpreting mating recommendations.

fields should definitely be looked into.

On herbicides used in the prior two years, check the herbicide label for any crop rotation restrictions. Many new soybean herbicides have 18-month restrictions on alfalfa.

If corn was the previous crop, low rates of atrazine should have been used. If more was used, then consider planting alfalfa in another field.

In making new herbicide appli-

cations on fields you plan to convert to alfalfa in the near future, short residual materials are preferable.

Other considerations for selecting the best site for alfalfa are insect, disease, and weed problems in a particular field.

If the field has been in a continuous crop for several years, pest build up may be high and rotating into alfalfa will have several advantages.

Alfalfa is a very competitive crop which, in combination with regular cutting, will control many

hard-to-kill weeds in row crops. Canada thistle, hemp dogbane, horsenettle, bindweed, morning-glory, and bur-cucumber can all be brought under control by simply maintaining a healthy alfalfa crop.

The final consideration for field selection is distance to the storage area.

You are the final judge of where the new stands will be planted. Make sure that you have made an informed decision. After all, you and your dairy cattle will have to live with it, hopefully for several years.

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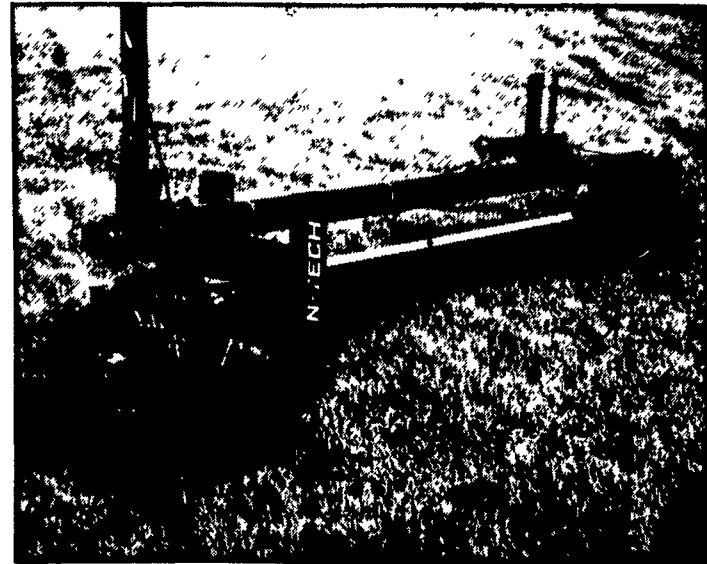
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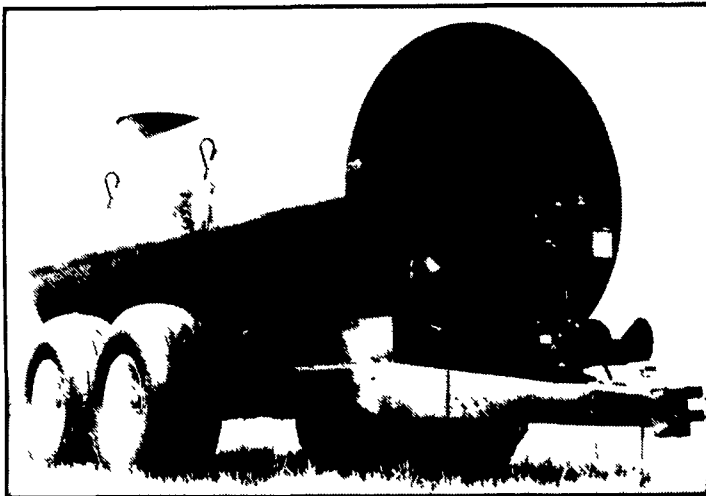
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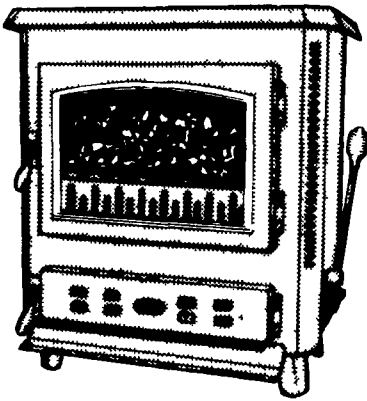


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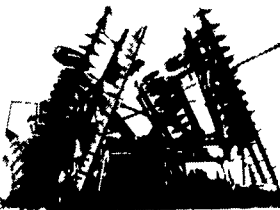
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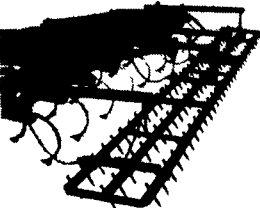
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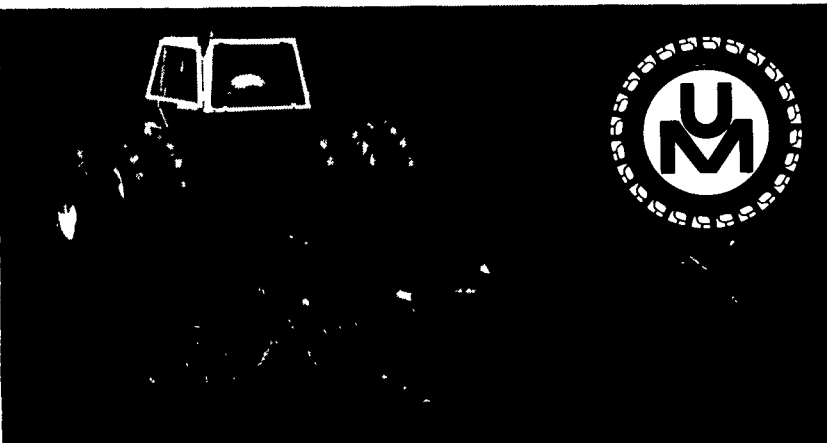
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