

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Agway officials inspect a canvas-covered fender designed to carry bags of feed supplements on the first of 18 new bulk feed delivery trucks recently ordered by the farm cooperative.

Jay Newkirk, left, equipment manager; Joel Newman, agriculture group vice president; Dave Wood, feed plant operations manager; and Alan Lincoln, director of feed plants, checked out the new tanker in the parking lot at Agway headquarters in DeWitt, N.Y.

The 40-foot-long trailer has capacity of 24 tons in various sized compartments, allowing the driver to deliver different feed formulations to several farmers on each trip from a feed plant. A 38-foot Stinger auger and pneumatic blower tubes allow farm feed bins to be filled at a rate of a ton a minute. The new generation of feed trucks, costing \$125,000 each, is part of Agway's renewed commitment to Northeast agriculture, said Newman. They join a fleet of more than 200 trucks delivering Agway feed to farmers.

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Snider Donates Holstein To Penn State

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Obie Snider, well-known Holstein breeder

from Imler, Bedford County, has donated Singing-Brook N-Boy Mandy 4 to the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State.

Mandy 4 is an animal of high genetic merit, with a pedigree containing some of the outstanding animals of the breed. Her dam, Jackbuilt Chairman Mandy, is an elite cow and the mother of outstanding sons at both of Pennsylvania's artificial insemination units.

Mandy 4 will remain at Singing-Brook Farm, where she will be used in an embryo-transfer program. She will be bred to elite sires of the breed and flushed at regular intervals in an effort to provide high-quality replacements for Penn State's Holstein herd.

Penn State's first dairy herd, established in 1889, became infected with tuberculosis in 1916, and all but a dozen head were destroyed. To rebuild the herd, 24 Holstein heifers were purchased from James Stewart of Jamestown, and from 1919 until 1922, breeders across the Commonwealth donated 16 head to assist in the effort.

Single animals and a few small groups of one breed or another were purchased over the years.

All breeds but Holsteins were sold in 1991. One significant addition to the Holstein herd in 1965 was the donation of 65 head by Penn State benefactor Albert B. Craig of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Penn State is grateful to Snider for his gift of this valuable animal, according to a news release. He has contributed to his alma mater in many ways, most notably as a trustee of the University and Chairman and chief benefactor of Penn State's Ag Arena campaign.

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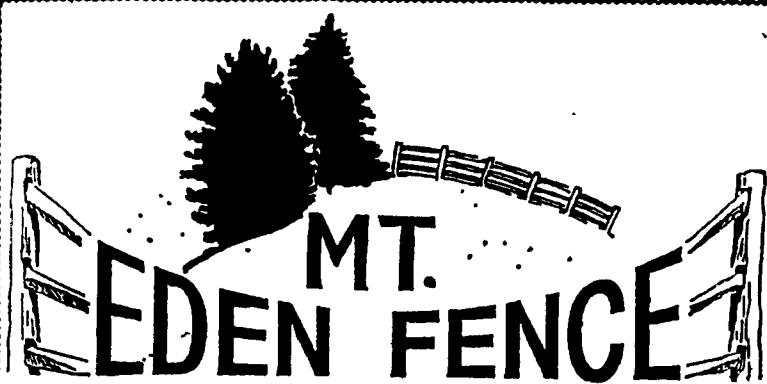
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