

Animal Housing Expo Offers Producer Information

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sow unit; and Mike Miller, Elizabethtown, MEW.

• Poultry Composting, moderated by Dr. John Schwartz, Lancaster County extension director, including Kevin and Louanne Boltz, Rehbersburg, contract boiler; Kay Richardson, Willards, Md., poultry composting research; Clark Stauffer, Ephrata, poultry composting; Glenn Wenger, Lebanon; and Elam Leid, Shoemakersville, broiler operation.

Demonstrators and topics include:

• Swine Handling, Kephart and Grandin.

• Poultry Composting, John Schwartz, Lancaster extension director.

• Floor Surfaces, Graves.

Animal handling

Many of the problems associated with cattle — especially bruising — can be handled by knowing several of the fundamentals of caring for cattle, of which Dr. Temple Grandin knows a great deal about.

Grandin is assistant professor, department of animal sciences, at Colorado State University in Fort

Collins, Colo. She is internationally known for her studies and recommendations to many cattle producers across the country.

Grandin will speak at the Expo about the "nuts and bolts" of animal handling, including how much personal space to give cattle, knowing their flight zone, and knowing how quickly and inexpensively producers can help solve some of the problems that plague the cattle industry.

"One of the first things producers can do is get rid of slippery floors," Grandin told *Lancaster Farming* during a telephone interview. Also, producers should put solid sides on loading chutes, keep people away from the sides of the chutes, and get workers at stockyards to understand the fundamentals of animal behavior.

A large part of what she'll address, she said, is bull safety. Many of the problems dairy producers face is how to handle bulls, according to Grandin. For many beef producers, bulls are weaned with their mothers. But dairy bulls many times aren't, and could pose real problems in handling in the yard.

In the past, her presentations



Bert Waybright, Mason-Dixon Farm, Gettysburg, will discuss aspects of his 1,200-cow dairy at this year's Animal Housing Expo.

have helped many producers across the nation benefit, and Grandin said she has heard comments from producers that showed how they can get results.

Parlor management

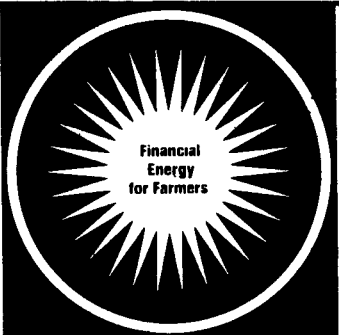
Dairy producers can save up to 10 minutes off the milking time if

they just take a few extra steps in preparing the cow, according to Dr. Michael J. Gamroth, associate professor of animal sciences and extension dairy specialist at Oregon State University. Gamroth will share his experiences in general milking parlor design and management at the Expo.

Milking parlor design perfor-

mance and management work hand-in-hand, according to Gamroth. He said that, overall, a clean versus dirty parlor will contribute roughly 15 percent more milk to the tank. He will discuss optimal management of the herring bone and parallel type of parlors.

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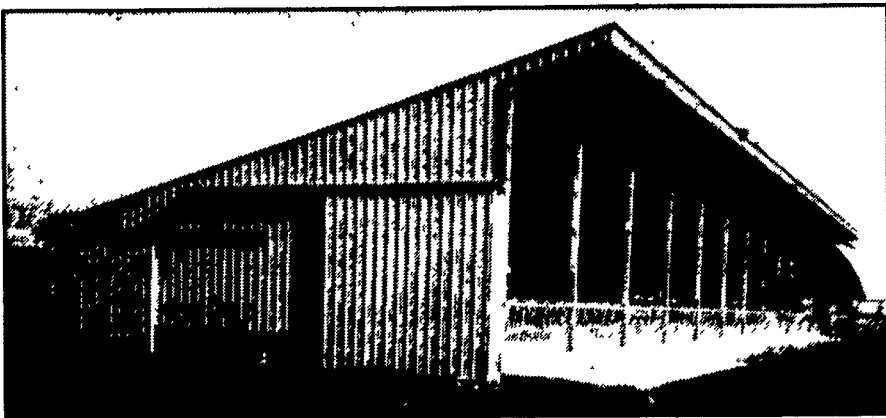
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