

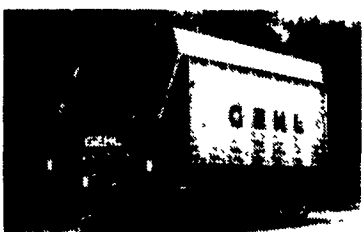
Gehl Makes Major Improvements To Forage Box

WEST BEND, Wis. — Gehl's newest forage box, the Model 980 features: true, infinite variable-speed drive, improved box roof, improved beater design, an optional 18-inch folding conveyor extension and improved durability throughout.

"This box is loaded with the convenience and performance fea-

tures you demand for smooth, fast unloading and worry-free reliability," said Ron Grimstad, Gehl design engineer.

Major improvements include: superior beater design, infinite variable speed drive, single lever controls, and folding 18-inch cross conveyor extension.



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Evaluation Center Starts Test Programs

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Meat Animal Evaluation Center wishes to announce the start of the fall performance testing programs. A capacity of 75 bulls have been penned. These bulls had to meet minimum requirements and they are some of the best bulls available from some of the most progressive, perfor-

mance-minded beef breeders in the eastern United States.

This group of bulls consists of 22 Angus, two Red Angus, 32 Polled Herefords, 15 Simmentals, two Charolais, one Limousin and one Beefmaster. These bulls will be given a 21-day adjustment period.

On November 8, these bulls will be weighed on test. They will then complete a 112-day testing program where they will be weighed every 28 days, individual feed consumptions will be obtained, and feed efficiencies calculated. Reports of the bulls' progress will be made available to the public.

At the conclusion of the testing period, the bulls will have their total average daily gain calculated as well as their adjusted yearling weights. The bulls are given a comprehensive breeding soundness exam and must pass minimum criteria for structural correctness and breed character. The bulls are all scanned ultrasonically to determine fat thickness and loin eye area.

The center requires all up-to-date EPDs to be made available by the owners. Final indexes are calculated for all of the bulls. These indexes compare the individual bulls to their breed group averages.

After the calculations are accomplished and the bulls are determined to pass all the minimum criteria, approximately the top 75 percent of the bulls are selected to be offered for sale in Pennsylvania's 22nd Annual Performance Tested Bull sale scheduled for March 31, 1995.

The center is also receiving pens of pigs for the winter swine progeny test. These pens of pigs consist of four to six pigs out of one sire and preferably several different litters. The purpose of a progeny test is to evaluate the sire of the pigs actually tested. This differs from an individual performance testing program where the purpose is to evaluate the individual perspective sires themselves that are on test.

The progeny pigs are delivered to the Meat Animal Evaluation Center, weighing between 40 and 65 pounds. These pigs are given a one-week adjustment period and then put on official test. On test, the pigs are weighed every 14 days, until the pen average weight reaches 230 pounds.

The pen attaining this weight concludes the testing period. At this time, the pigs are slaughtered and a variety of carcass information is collected. With the gain information, feed efficiencies, and a large amount of carcass information, this adds up to a very comprehensive evaluation of the off-springs' sire.

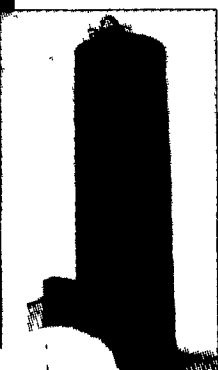
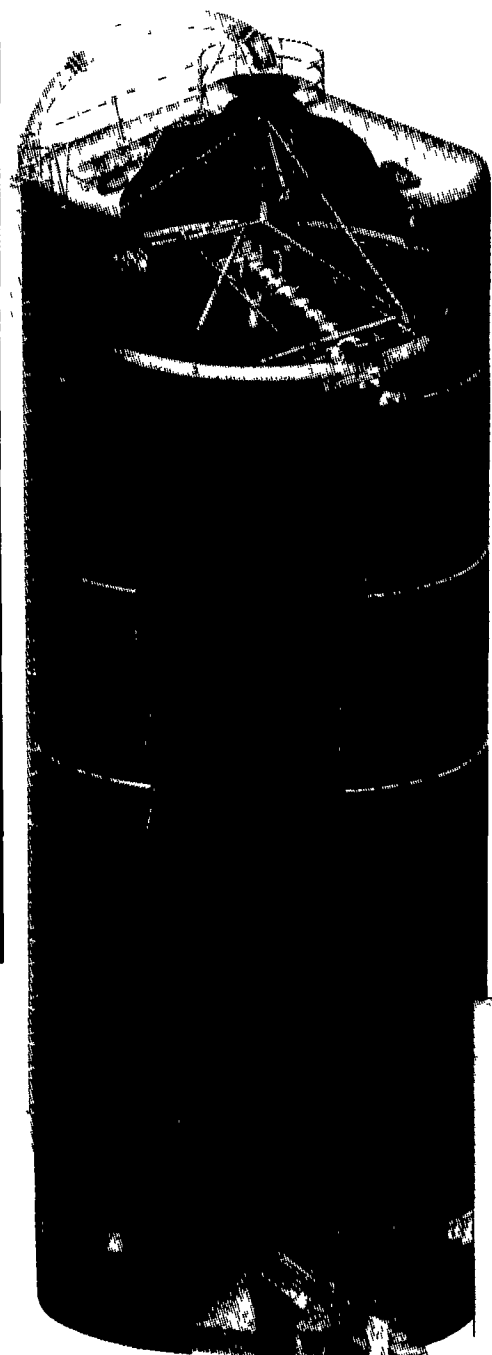
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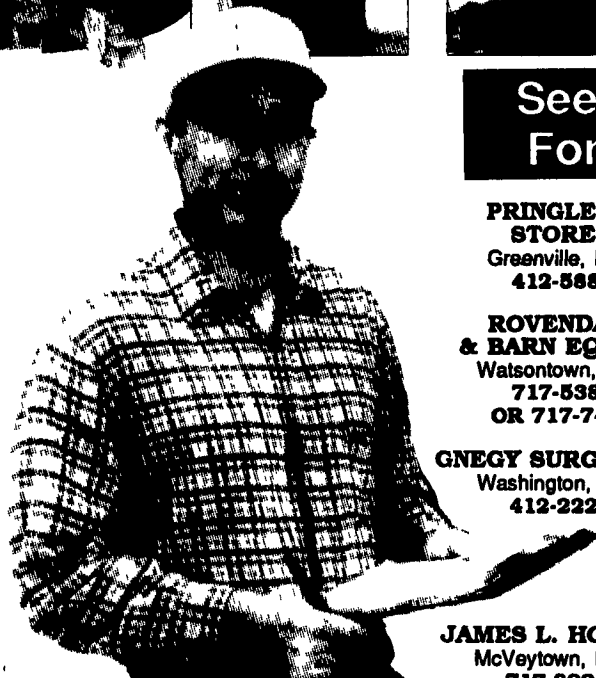
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