

MARSHAK DAIRY FACILITY



In 1996, the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine opened this greenhouse-style dairy barn and milking parlor to the public and announced that it was constructed in order to do research on leading edge, but real-life, production techniques and the effects on cattle health and production. The dairy facility was designed with modifications to avoid heat build up, but aesthetically it is designed and laid out to be efficient and operational. The entrance and milking parlor and located in the traditional-materials building in the front and center and the paved lane is tree-lined on the outside edge away from the buildings. The freestall barn for the

milking herd is behind the parlor and a separate heifer and dry cow facility is located on the right. The Marshak Dairy Facility at University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center is serving as a living laboratory for the School of Veterinary Medicine. This way, researchers and up and coming veterinarians can experience first hand some of the potential health problems associated with dairy buildings and production techniques. Some of the research facilities used at universities in the past have not kept up with, or have not reflected concurrent farming methods.

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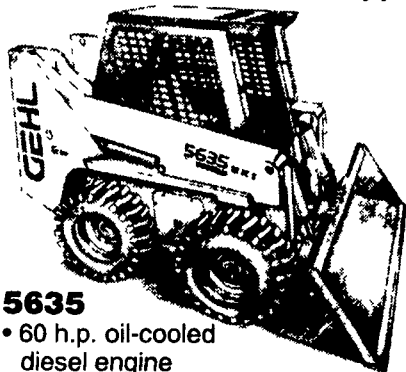
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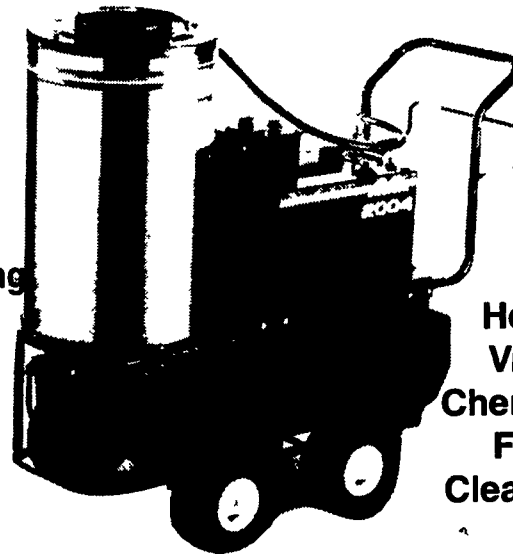
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