

University of Maryland Professor Named Animal and Avian Sciences Department Chair

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Dr. Richard Erdman has been named chair of the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences at the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources following an extensive, nationwide search. A Maryland faculty member since 1979, Erdman will assume his new position in mid-August.

"Rich will make an excellent department chair," said Dr. Thomas Fretz following the announcement of Erdman's appointment. "As we move into the next century, he will give critical leadership as the college strives to fulfill its commitment to the poultry, dairy, beef and aquaculture industries of Maryland."

Erdman is looking forward to the challenge and the change provided by his new administrative duties. "We have a very good department with outstanding faculty members," he said. "I think we're in the best position we've been in for 20 years, and I think we can build on our strengths and become a truly outstanding department."

After growing up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, Erdman received his bachelor's degree in animal science and agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. He then earned master's and doctorate degrees in animal sciences at the University of Kentucky.

Erdman has written about 60 articles published in refereed journals, as well as a chapter on vitamins for the book "Large Dairy Herd Management." He is also the author of numerous extension bulletins and co-editor of the newsletter, Dairy Talk, produced three times a year for all dairy producers in Maryland. His research has involved such diverse subjects as the benefits of chlorine supplementation in lactating dairy cows, the impact of trans fatty acid on milk fat production, and management strategies to maximize skeletal growth rate in dairy heifers.

During his years at Maryland, Erdman has taught classes in applied animal nutrition, animal production systems, energy nutrition, and special

topics in ruminant nutrition. He hopes to continue teaching one course a year and to continue some level of involvement on research projects.

Erdman's professional and university organization affiliations reflect his commitment to the college, his peers, and Maryland agriculture. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Sciences, the Maryland Feed Industry Council, the American Institute of Nutrition, and the American Registry of Animal Scientists. He has served as a representative on the University of Maryland faculty senate, the Task Force on Computer Use in Agricultural Extension Education, the Agricultural Program Reorganization Committee, the College of Agriculture Strategic Planning Committee, and the Animal Sciences and Poultry Sciences Transition Committee.

He has won a variety of awards, including the Young Scientist Award at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the American Dairy Science

Association and the American Society of Animal Sciences, the American Dairy Science Association American Feed Industries Association Dairy

Nutrition Research Award, and the Excellence in Research Award from the University of Maryland Agricultural Alumni Association.

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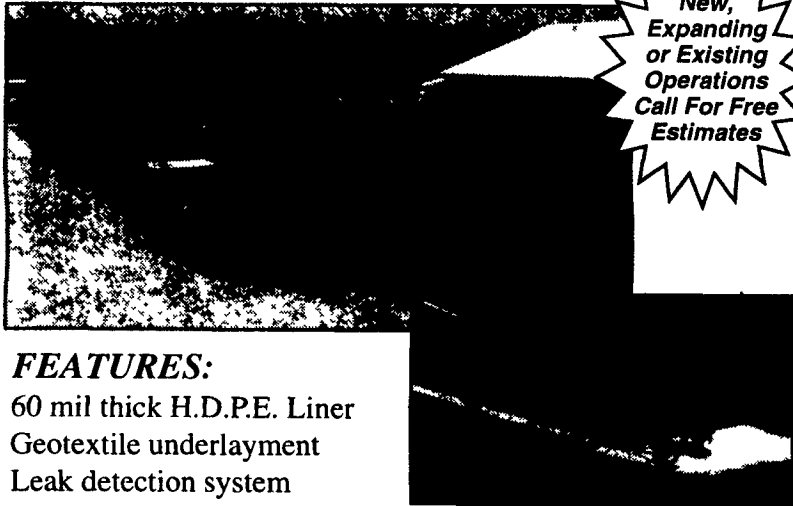
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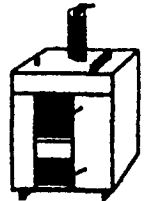
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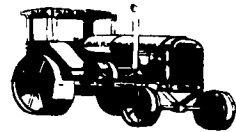
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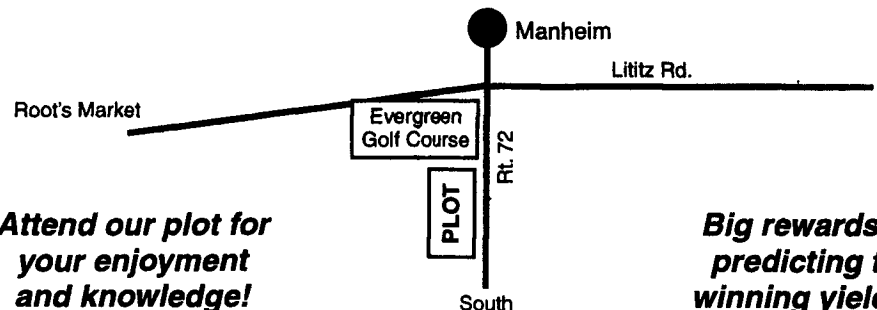
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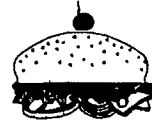
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