

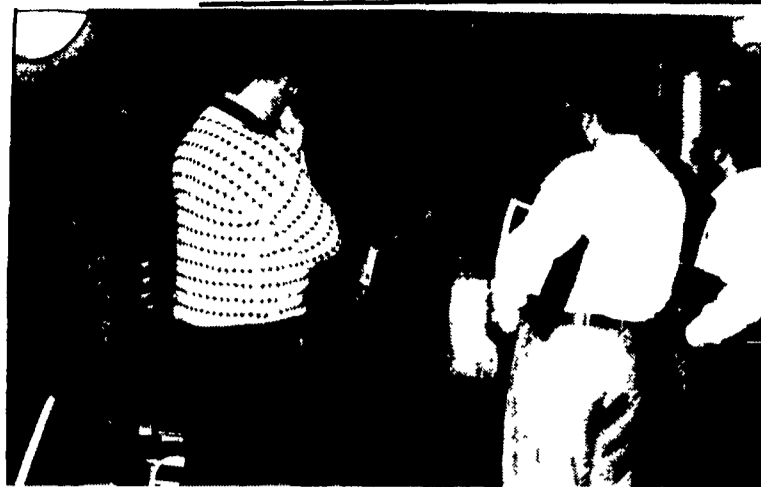
# Farmers Find Ways To Improve And Expand At Housing Conference

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 — The Dairy Housing and Equipment Systems conference was held in Camp Hill Tuesday through Thursday this week. 320 people attended the conference. About 40 percent of the

attendees were farmers, including two who traveled all the way from Italy. The other attendees were from universities, industry, and extension.

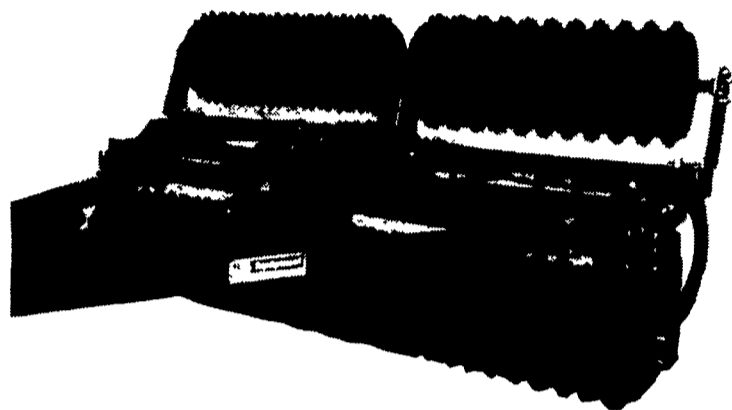
The conference presented the latest innovations in dairy housing, along with the industry standards for existing housing

components. The goal of the conference was to help farmers better manage existing systems and plan new systems that improve profitability. Speakers were leading experts in their field from various universities throughout the country.



Attendees at the recent dairy housing conference in Camp Hill had many opportunities to share ideas with other dairy farmers and leading experts in the industry.

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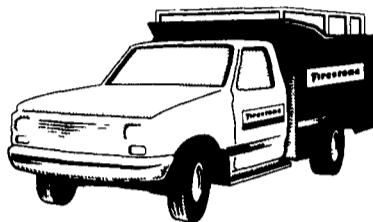
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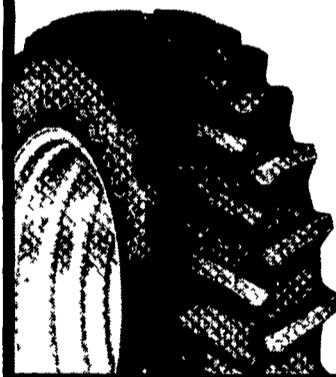


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According to Holly Hyde, editorial assistant for the Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service (NRAES), this was the first conference of its type.

"We decide on conferences based on what's in demand," said Hyde. "Recommendations for NRAES conferences come from educators and researchers, who then form the planning committees to develop the conference."

NRAES is a branch of cooperative extension formed through a coalition of 14 universities in the United States.

Farmers who attended the conference came looking for new ideas. However, many of them also went away with suggestions on improving their existing operations.

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