

WESTMINSTER, Md. — On June 8, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced an agreement that will "phase out" the over-the-counter sale and home, lawn, and garden use of the insecticide chlorpyrifos, commonly known as Dursban. It will likewise be

phased out of all products for schools and parks.

Dursban has been one of the most commonly used insecticides for over three decades and is an ingredient of sprays and powders for everything from ants, cockroaches, and grubs to mosquitoes, termites, and

wasps. Another formulation of chlorpyrifos is used in many agricultural settings. Many of these agricultural uses will be significantly curtailed as a result of the EPA's decision.

After the chemical officially goes off the market, homeowners will still be able to buy sev-

eral other insecticides. People ask, "What next? Are there other ways to deal with pests?"

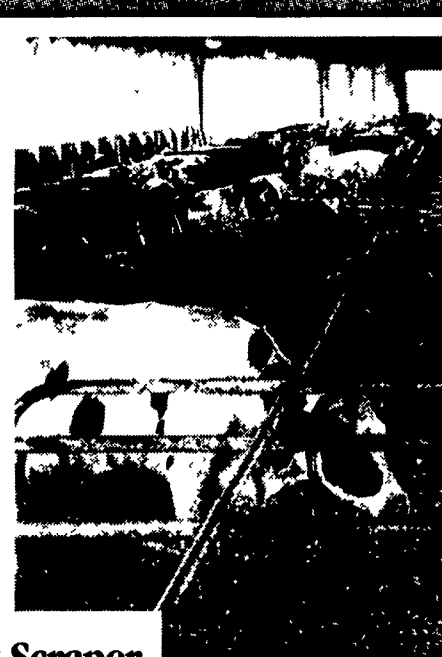
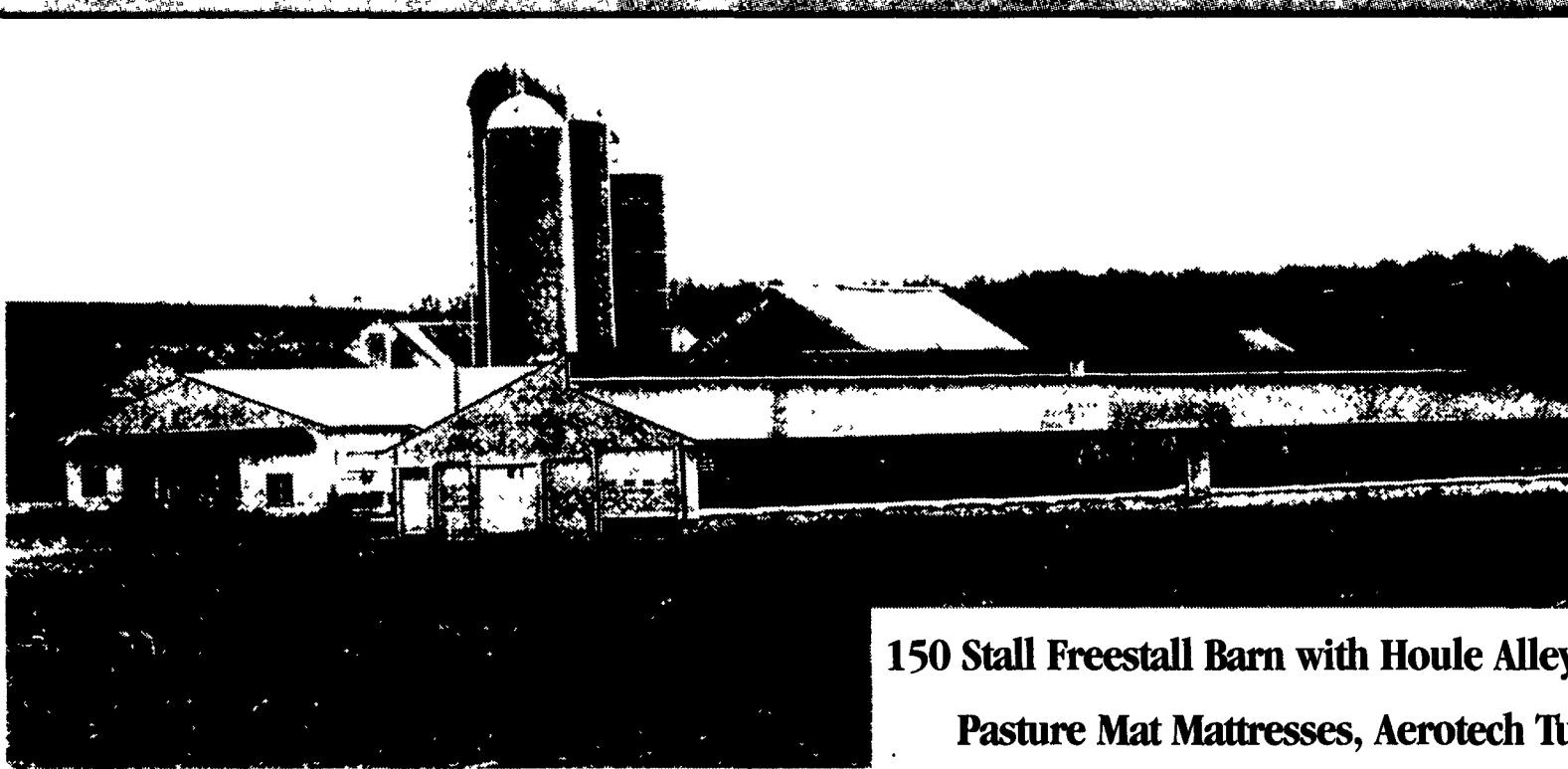
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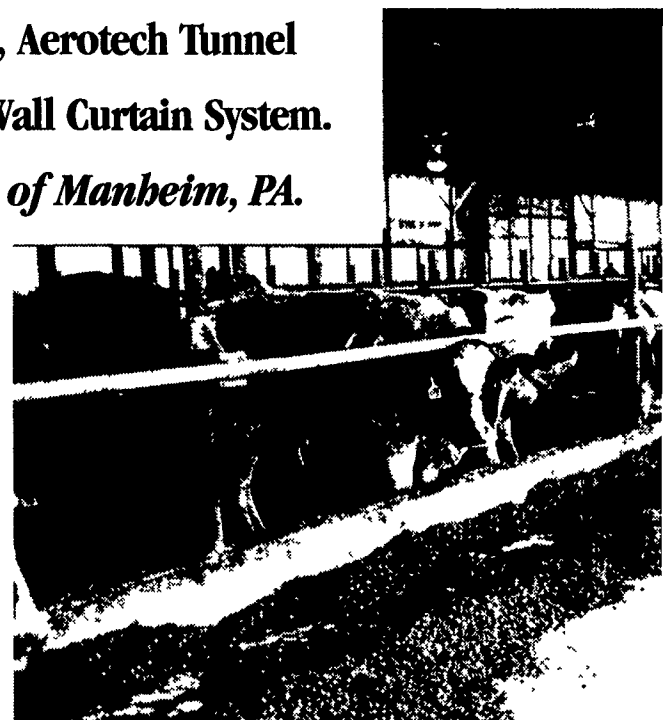
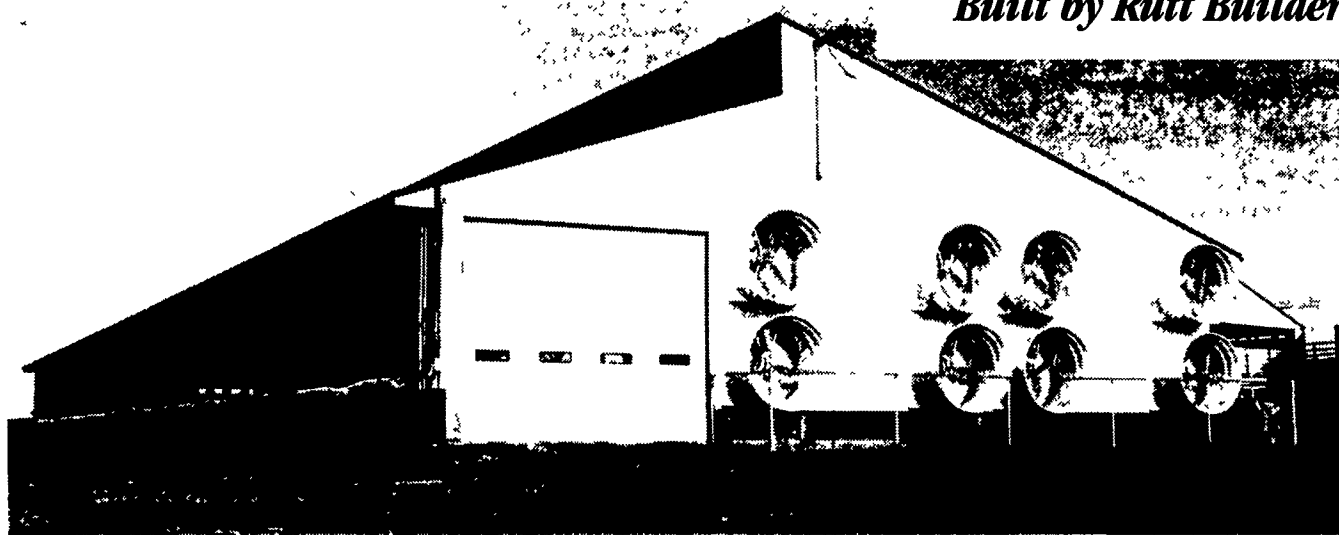
trol that combines a variety of methods to prevent pest damage. For years IPM Programs have been working on effective, multi-tactic approaches that will continue to work even if any one tactic — for instance, an oft-used pesticide like Dursban — is lost. In the home and

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