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I will discuss some basic results on the representation theory of the algebraic supergroup $Q(n)$ in odd characteristic p . There are intimate connections to the representation theory of the double covers of symmetric groups via Sergeev's superalgebra analogue of Schur-Weyl duality, and also to the Fock space of the twisted affine Kac-Moody algebra of type $A_{p-1}^{(2)}$ via an unproved conjecture of Leclerc and Thibon. (Received September 28, 2000)