

MULTIPLE FARROWING is going to have to go with the trend toward the confinement raising of hogs. Under this plan, the facilities receive the maximum use, labor is evenly distributed throughout the

year and marketings are made in an orderly fashion. This system will allow the swine producer to receive the maximum return from his investment.

Confinement Feeding of Hogs Means Added Emphasis on Management

"Confinement feeding of currently attracting hog producers' attention," says Leland Tribble, University of Missouri swine specialist. "However, management, disease control, building and equipment problems are involved in such operation."

He says the system is becoming popular because it allows hog feeders to intensify their operations without enlarging their farms.

In discussing confinement feeding, Tribble stresses points in management, feeding, and disease control that must be given careful consideration if such a system of pork production is to be successful.

According to the swine specialist, multiple farrowings should be considered as a part of a confinement feeding system. Such plans allow maximum use of ex-

pensive equipment and also provides a way of increasing the size of a hog-feeding operation.

ONE COMMONLY used plan for multiple farrowing involves a sow herd divided into two groups and managed to produce two litters a year. For example, he says, one group could be bred to farrow in February and again in August while the other group could farrow in May and November. Using this farrowing plan good feeders would have hogs on the market in August, November, February and May. And sows could be bred to farrow in other months of the year if it's more desirable.

When pigs are weaned at four weeks, an extra building — a nursery — is needed. It now appears that pigs do best when kept in small lots of 20 to 30 during (Continued on page sixteen)


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