

Multiple Farrowing System

Confinement Hog Rearing Shown

CAYUGA, N.Y. — The first multiple farrowing, confinement rearing hog unit in the East was center of an Oct. 11 open house here. More than 200 pork producers and other interested agriculturists, including several from Lancaster County, attended the open house program.

Multiple farrowing is a program for the use of a 30 to 36 sow unit in a rotation breeding system. Willard D. Lashbrook, manager of the Beacon Milling Company research farm where the unit is located, told visitors that such a system enables feeders to market more than 500 pigs per year at intervals from six to eight weeks.

By getting away from the traditional two farrowing periods per year, continuous use of all facilities, greater labor efficiency, steadier income and higher selling prices for pigs are achieved.

A sow colony, farrowing hut, nursery and finishing shelter make up the unit. The sow colony consists of three 12 ft. by 22 ft. shed type resting shelters for 10 to 12 sows each.

A similar three-sided shed for two boars, and a shade area where feed and water are provided completes the colony.

The 18 ft. x 36 ft. farrowing hut is fully insulated on all walls, ceiling and floor. Farrowing and nursing facilities for ten sows and litters are provided in this

building. Electric floor heating provides heat, with higher temperatures maintained under the pigs than under sows. This helps keep the pigs away from sows except when nursing, decreasing danger of injury and speeding weaning.

Sows are exercised twice daily on a concrete platform on one end of the building. Intake and exhaust fans ventilate the building.

Eighty pigs, four to eight weeks old, can be housed in the nursery. This building is 16 ft. x 30 ft., plus the 12 ft. x 30 ft. outside cement feeding floor. At eight weeks, market pigs move to the finishing porch, a 77 ft. x 28 ft. shed with a concrete floor, but no heat.

An outside-fill, bulk self feeder runs the length of the building, and the building is constructed for mechanical cleaning.

Professor Ellis Pierce, Cornell University, conducted several live hog grading demonstrations during the open house to emphasize the importance of meat type hogs. Further emphasis of the desirability of meat type hogs was provided by a display of dress carcasses.

Tobacco Supports Up From '57 Level

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced the average price support loan levels for 1958 crop Burley, fire-cured, dark air-cured, Virginia sun-cured, Maryland, cigar binder, and cigar filler and binder tobaccos.

The average levels of support are shown below, with comparable levels for 1957:

TYPE OF TOBACCO	1958 Average Loan Level Cents per lb.	1957 Average Loan Level Cents per lb.
Burley, Type 31	55.4	51.7
Virginia Fire-cured, Type 21	38.8	38.9
Kentucky-Tennessee Fire-cured, Types 22-23	38.8	38.8
Dark Air-cured, Types 35-36	34.5	34.5
Virginia Sun-Cured, Type 37	34.5	34.5
Maryland Type 32	50.8	48.0
Cigar binder:		
Conn. Broadleaf, Type 51	56.2	53.8
Conn. Havana Seed, Type 52	48.0	48.3
Cigar filler and binder:		
Ohio filler, Types 42-44	23.4	23.2
N. Y. & Pa. Havana Seed, Type 53	25.5	23.3
Southern Wisconsin, Type 54	25.5	23.3
Northern Wisconsin, Type 55	31.0	29.9

(The loan level for Puerto Rican cigar filler tobacco will be announced later.)

In its announcement April 7 giving the minimum average levels at which 1958 crops of these tobaccos would be supported, the Department stated that the actual level of support would be the minimum then announced on the basis of April, 1958, parity prices or the level computed on the basis of parity prices as of the beginning of the marketing year (Oct. 1 for these types), whichever was higher. Levels of support for most types are slightly higher than the minimum levels announced, the increases ranging up to one-half of a cent per pound.

Growers of Pennsylvania Seedleaf, Type 41, tobacco will not receive price support, as they disapproved marketing quotas on the 1958 crop.

For those kinds of tobacco for which growers have approved marketing quotas, price support is mandatory at 90 per cent of parity, except for fire-cured and dark air-cured (including Virginia sun-cured).

Farm Show Deadline

(Continued from page one) show to be presented Thursday night of Farm Show Week. Riders will be members of 4-H Light Horse and Pony Clubs throughout the Commonwealth. An initial try-out of this type of show proved successful at the 1958 Farm Show.

Entry blanks for any department in the Farm Show are provided within each copy of the 1959 Farm Show premium list. Premium lists will be available in early October from John B. McCool, Farm Show Director, or from any one of the State's 67 county agricultural agents.

Show the Commission has sanctioned a light horse and pony.

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