

**Ressler Brothers**

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the boar whether you get big litters or not."

Ressler's have used high quality purebred Landrace and Yorkshire boars in their program, crossing the Yorkshire gilts with the Landrace boars and back again to the Yorkshire boars.

At present there are 20 sows and litters in the farrowing house and the nursery where the litters go at three weeks of age.

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"We believe in getting the pigs off to a good start," Charles said. That is why we are so particular around the farrowing house.

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Fifty other sows are bred to farrow year round on the farm. At least one sow will farrow every week during the year to produce a constant supply of pigs. The hogs are topped out and marketed to Musser's slaughter house at Buck, Pa. and to other local butchers. A contract with Mussers' calls for a certain number of fat hogs to be delivered each

week which makes year round farrowing necessary, but Charles feels it helps them too since more sows

can be handled with the same number of farrowing crates.

As soon as a sow shows milk, she is put in the farrowing crate where she stays until the pigs are born.

Ressler's feel that the farrowing crates have been a big factor in cutting the loss of young pigs during the first day or so after birth. The smallest litter in the farrowing house now has 9 pigs in it. "We keep a gilt the second time if her litter is small." (Turn to page 9)

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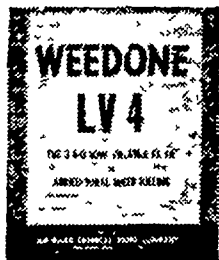
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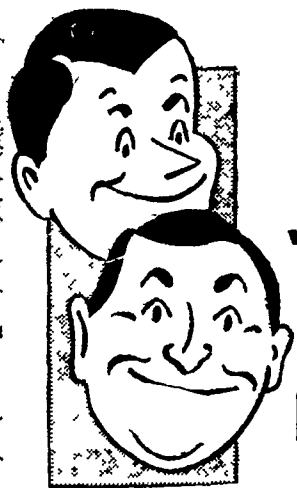
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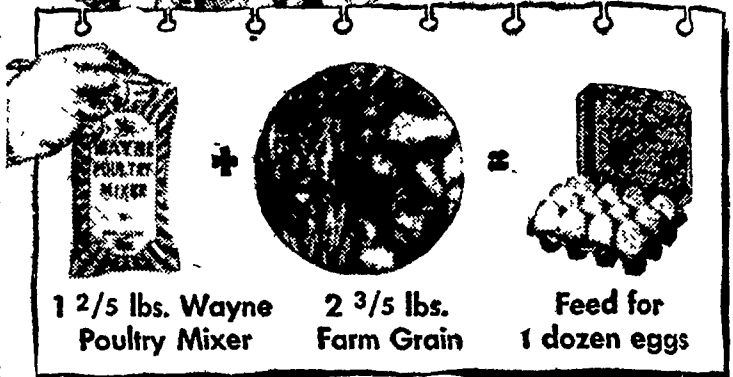
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