



GRAIN SORGHUM REPLACES SOME of the corn on the farm of Walter Augsburger. He says the sorghum yields as well as corn, stands drought better and is easier to harvest. L. F. Photo

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(Continued from Page 1) including all the sows in the herd.

Augsburger says he does not recommend his system to everyone. You have to know your hogs and watch them carefully when they are ready to farrow, he said.

Sows that are about ready to farrow should be in a pasture by themselves, he believes, and those that will not farrow for several weeks should be in a separate lot.

He said, sows in a farrowing crate do a lot of moving around, but "We had three sows to farrow last night and they are still laying just where they were when they began farrowing"

Augsburgers have several converted poultry range shel-

ters in the pasture. In cold and snowy weather the sows will go into these shelters, but when the weather is warm, they usually have their pigs in a nest in the open. After the sow has finished having her pigs, the shelter is put in place to protect the new litter from sun and rain.

At eight weeks the pigs are weaned and castrated before being put in the feeding pen where they are fed a mixture of home grown grains and a supplement in an automatic self feeder system. Some 225 are now on feed. Approximately 500 to 600 are fed each year.

The sows get the same basic mixture with a higher percentage of protein and alfalfa hay or pellets ground with the grains. The sows are fed on

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NOT MUCH EXPENSE FOR FEEDING equipment for these sows. Jacob Augsburger has just emptied a bag of feed on the ground for part of the 30 sows owned by him and son, Walter. Sows get water from the stream in the pasture and are never confined to a barn. L. F. Photo

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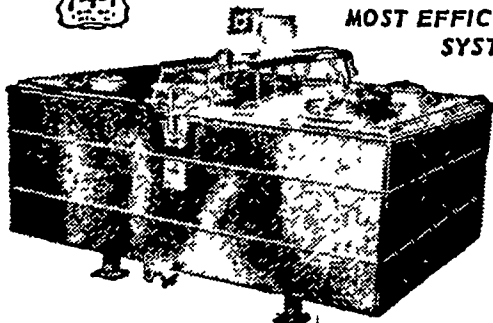
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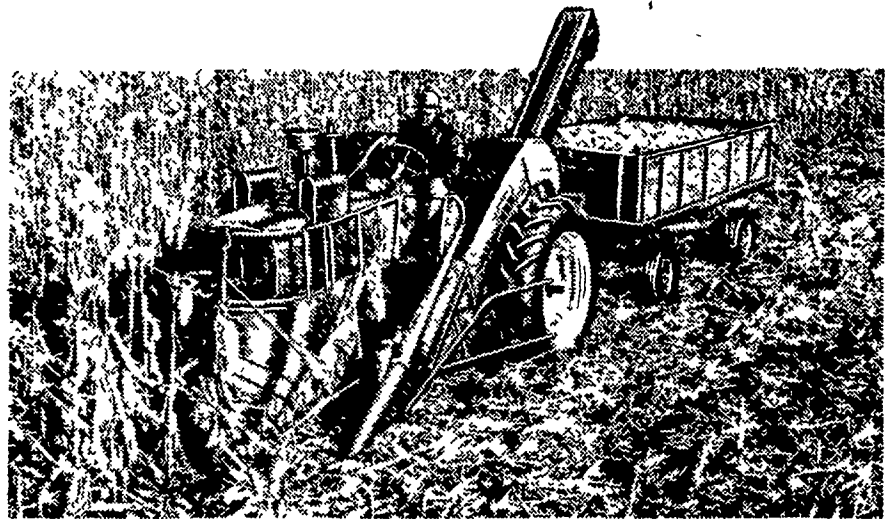
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