

THIRD SECTION

County Man Feeds Less

Are Sows Being Overfed?

How much should sows be fed said recently at the Farm and repeatedly said more research sow with a 15 per cent protein worms. The products should be Home Center. and what should be fed?

"We don't know enough about Meeting with county pork general and sow feeding in paisow feeding," Dwight Younkin, breeders in the third of three Penn State livestock specialist, educational sessions, Younkin

needs to be done on swine in ratio ticular.

overfeeding in other things, in- doesn't feed any protein or used a week or so before farcluding protein."

Farmers generally are overfeeding corn to make up for de- feed them anything," Glick ficiencies in corn of three parti- said After they're 100 pounds, I cular amino acids, including put them on clover" lysine, he said.

Research Needed

But he added that more re- such a program search is needed to determine just what to do about the prob- been getting good results for lem.

Younkin described research which shows that sows can be figure something bad should successfully fed every third day 'It sounds unhumanitarian, but it works"

He said the third day feeding system is a real boon in dozen sows His litters average feed saving, and studies show eight to nine, he said that sows have healthier litters, less mastitis problems

days was the quietest and they sources to produce one good had just as good a farrowing litter, but then have small litrecord as sows fed every day The sows fed every day clamored to be fed every time anyone difficulties under his feeding approached, but the three-day program. But he said he only gioup was quiet, he said

County audience, Younkin re- good in the summer vealed that most local hog four to five pounds of feed per of intrazine or

One Different

"We know we're overfeeding One who's different is Ivan Some research shows atgard in energy," he said, "We may be Glick of Lampeter, who said he will reduce stillborn pigs when vitamin supplement.

"If there's grass to eat, I don't

This apparently surprised Younkin and other area hog men, who questioned if Glick could get good results from

Glick assured them he has

several years During the questioning, he said, "I always happen but it never does "

Two Dozen Sows

He said he now has about two

Younkin explained that relay on less of the pigs and have search shows that sows which don't get a proper diet often are The group fed every three able to draw on their body re-

ters or none at all after that. Glick said he has not run into raises two to four litters, then In questioning his Lancaster sells the sows when prices are

Covering a wide range of subgrowers feed the recommended jects, Younkin advised the use atgard for

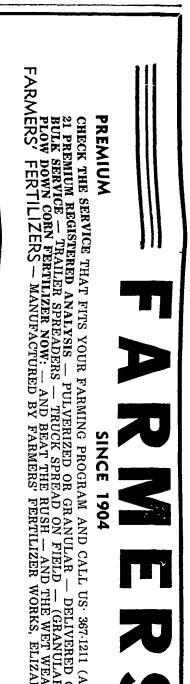
used about four times at sixweek intervals to insure elimination of worms, he said.

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Cleaning Pens

High pressure water was urged as a good way to clean out farrowing pens. The cleanup should be done twice a year,

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