

Swine Producers Urged to Support New Area Test Facility

Mark F. Nestleroth, well known Manheim RD3 swine producer, this week gave the following report on a proposed local swine testing station in Lancaster County and why he thinks such a station is important to local swine producers:

The board of directors of the Lancaster County Swine Producers is pleased to announce the probability of a swine testing station being built in our area. During our discussions of the rules of our carcass shows, we

were contacted by Carl Smith, the territory manager for Hales and Hunter Feed Company, makers of Pioneer Food. He suggested the building of a testing station for our local swine producers, if enough interest was expressed.

No rules were definitely made but several generalizations were proposed by Smith for its basic procedure.

The company would buy the four to six pigs from the swine producer at market price (realize a bargain for the information that is obtained).

Rate of gain of feed conversion would be calculated and sent to the producer upon completion of marketing the pen of pigs.

Carcass work would have to be done by another source and will be looked into when the testing station project is finalized.

Swine producers would be missing the boat if they don't take advantage of this proposal.

More emphasis in future swine production will be placed on the efficiency of the operation. Feed costs are about 65 to 70 per cent of the expense per pound of pork.

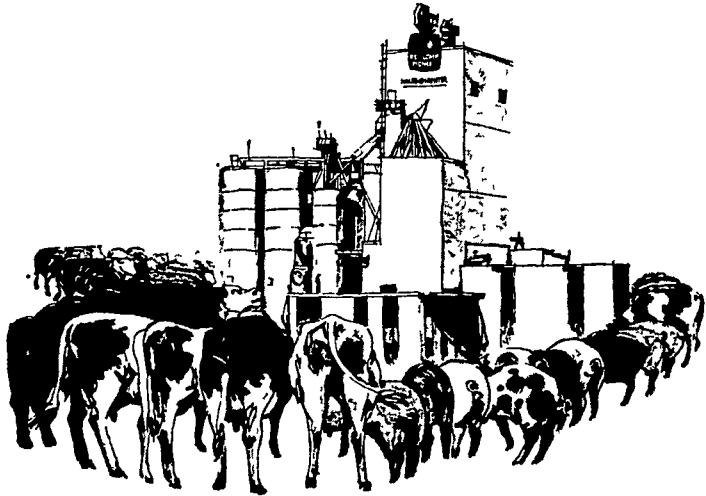
Muscling quality was the main emphasis during the past 20 years, but now feed efficiency and rate of gain are becoming as important as muscling because of the improvements on reduced cost per pound of pork.

This proposed testing station would be a way to check the siring ability of their purchased boars, plus the different sow families already in the herd.

Swine producers should express interest in this proposed testing station. Send your name and address to Carl Smith, Myerstown RD.

Mark F. Nestleroth

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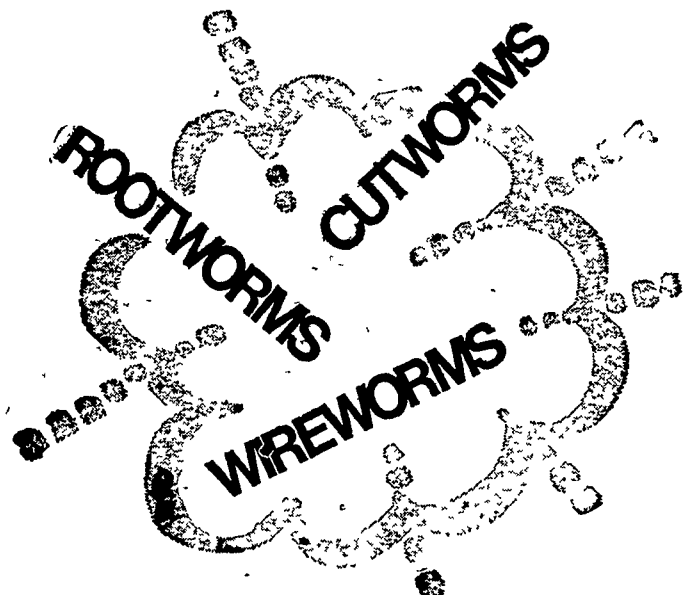
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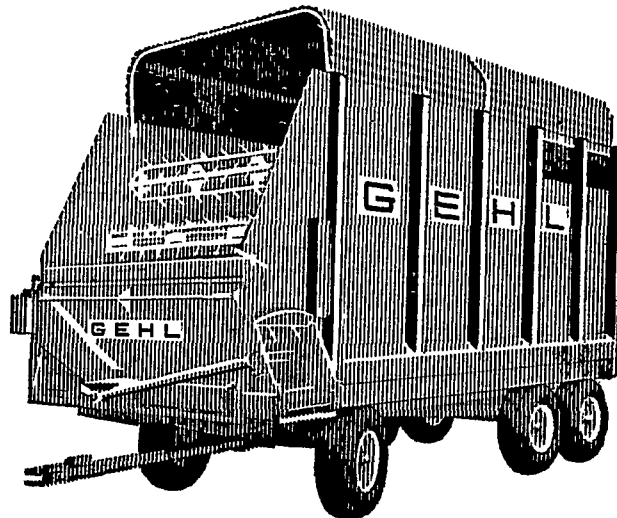
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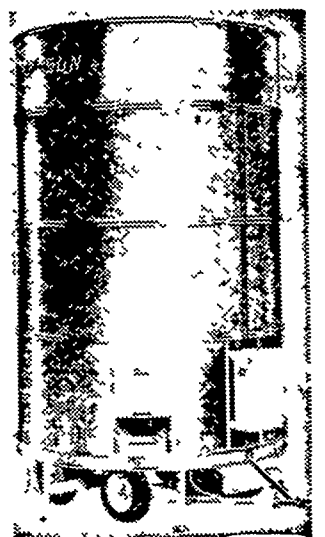
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