

All-in, all-out pigs do better

DECATUR, Ind. -- Weaning pigs placed in "all-in, all-out" nursery systems can expect growth rate increases as high as 52 per cent over pigs from "continuous-use" nursery systems, during the first 26 days after weaning.

Dr. Steve Haye, Master Mix swine research specialist working in cooperation with Dr. J.A. Coalson, swine feeds research director, emphasized that during the 12-day post-weaning stress period, the "all-in, all-out" pigs gained 3.5 pounds. The pigs in the "continuous-use" nursery gained only 0.4 pounds during the same period in the feeding trials conducted at the swine research farm in Decatur.

"Over a 26-day feeding period, the 'all-in, all-out' pigs gained 52 per cent more weight than the 'continuous-

use' nursery pigs," Dr. Haye says.

"The weight gains from 13 to 26 days after weaning were similar—nine pounds for the 'continuous-use' pigs and 10.8 pounds for the 'all-in, all-out' pigs," he adds.

From these test results, Dr. Haye concludes that the major growth rate difference between the two

nursery systems occurs during the first 12 days after weaning (the post-weaning stress period).

He points out that these tests were conducted in nurseries that had one-third slatted and two-thirds solid concrete floors, solid partitions, electric floor heat, fair ventilation and good temperature control.

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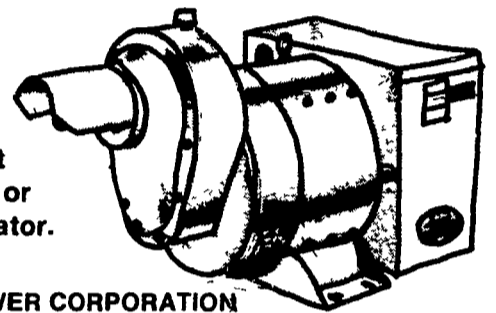


Abe Fisher, president of the Lancaster County Pork Producers, congratulates Mark Nestleroth of Dutch Valley Farm, Manheim, and Cliff Charles, Lancaster R2. Dutch Valley had the grand champion hog of the August Lancaster County carcass show. The animal had 1.1 backfat; 6.41 loin eye area; and 32.8 ham/loin per cent. Charles' animal recorded .9 backfat; 6.23 loin eye area; and 32.7 ham/loin per cent. Taking third place in the contest was Ezra Good, and fourth, Barry Haldeman, Manheim R3.



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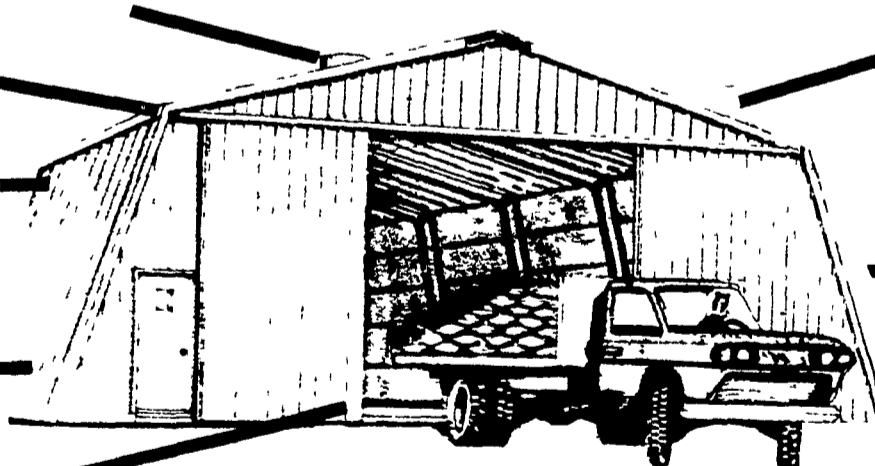
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