

Open House

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Another innovative part of the project is the manure handling method. Being built in cooperation with Penn-Jersey Harvestore of New Holland, the unit will feature a flushing and separation system. Much of the water used is to be recycled, while the remains will be stored in a Slurrystore. In addition, extensive research is to be

conducted with the manure, both for possible recycling into animal feedstuffs, as well as soil injection.

Like in most any other such modern facility, the New Bolton Center feeder pig unit will have an office, shower stalls for employees and visitors, practical receiving and loading areas, a modern feeding system,

and an area for administering medicines or surgery.

The nursery unit, which is not likely to be completed until Spring, features a heated concrete floor. Warmth will be provided by way of pipes carrying hot water.

The feeder pig production unit is to have both educational and business values. The 480-sow operation is the cooperative effort between the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, Penn-Jersey Harvestore,

and a group of Lancaster County farmers. The idea behind the venture is to provide veterinary students at the University of Pennsylvania with a training ground for practices involving swine, while supplying the investors with a source of feeder pigs.

According to Dr. Clifton Baile, who is an associate professor of nutrition in the Department of Clinical Studies of the Veterinary School at the University of Pennsylvania, the facility is not designed for research. However, he has indicated that research proposals may be forthcoming if they are deemed to be of benefit to all parties involved. The manure, as was mentioned earlier, will definitely be used in research work. The object of the flushing and

filtering system is to retain all of the nutrient values of the hog manure that comes from the new facility.

Eight Lancaster County farmers who were successful in buying 10 acres of New Bolton real estate, are

funding the project. The feeder pigs coming out of the facility will be furnished to the investors at regular intervals in predetermined proportions. The annual output of feeder pigs has

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Manure from the 480-sow swine facility will be flushed through this area and into the Slurrystore. The nutrient residues of the hog manure will be used for experimental recycling in animal feeds. Innovative methods of soil injections will also be tried.

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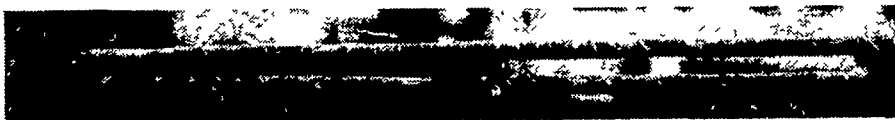
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