

Hog confinement facility approved

WEST HEMPFIELD — Agriculture took a step forward on June 12, as the West Hempfield Township zoning and hearing board approved a special exception for the building of a hog confinement operation, pro-

posed by Terra Grain, Inc.

The board granted Terra Grain permission, with some restriction, to build the farrow-to-feeder operation on the 108 acre farm. The facility will be built on a 15 acre section on the western part of the farm. The farm is bisected by Prospect and Spooky Nook Roads, near Salunga. Although zoned agricultural, the township zoning ordinance requires a special exception for any confinement operations.

Terra Grain partners are Jay Rohrer of Manheim R7, and J. Harold and James

Musser, both of Mount Joy R2.

Harold Musser said he thinks the swine facility will be the largest in the county.

It's 480 sows will have the capacity to give a total farm production of about 10,400 feeder pigs a year.

Although the partners have not decided what breed the hogs will be, construction of the facility will begin after the 30 day appeal period expires.

Board members approving the hog facility were Gary Mitchel of Landisville and Patricia Hendricks of

Columbia R2. Abstaining was Chairman E. R. Bomberger, "due to personal circumstances beyond my control," he said without elaboration.

Mitchel and Hendricks had visited a similar swine center run by the University of Pennsylvania in Chester County. Hendricks stated "we stood right outside the slurry store. It did not smell," Mitchel said he "purposely went back a second time" for an unannounced visit. No smells were detected by him on the second trip.

In approving the Terra Grain proposal, several restrictions were placed on the operation.

The partners can only build an office, a 253 by 41 foot gestation house, a 129 by 24 foot nursery, a 64 foot wide slurry store and an incinerator. The buildings would be separate, but connected by 20 foot walk ways.

Terra Grain said they may add a 184 by 36 foot growing house and a 350 by 50 foot finishing house.

Other restrictions include animal waste and dead animals. Animal wastes must be injected into the ground rather than spread. The farmers must also conform to manure management standards set by the state's Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

Dead animals must be refrigerated until they are incinerated. Restrictions on the incinerator include: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week days, April through October; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. November through March. The incinerator cannot be run on national holidays, the board said.

Several residents tried to speak out at the meeting but, they were told the hearing was held last month.

Sand Livestock System Inc. of Columbus, Neb. designed the Chester County operation. They would also be building the system for Terra Grain, according to the board.

The slurry store would be built by A. O. Smith Harvestore Products Inc. of New Holland, they said.

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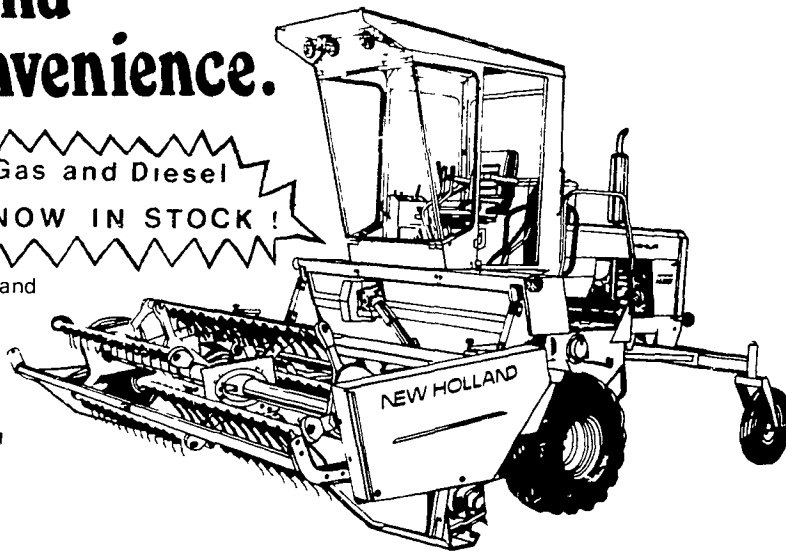
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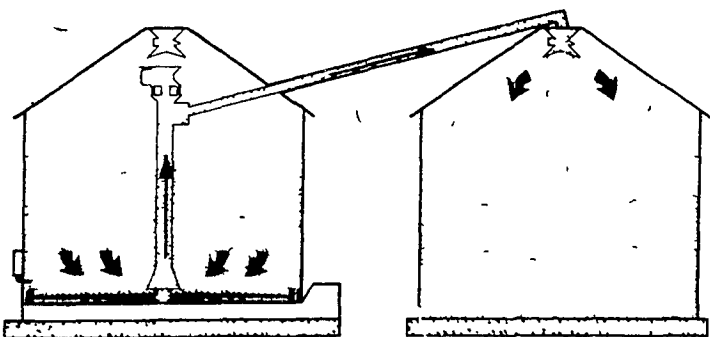
OLEY - May meeting of the Berks County Sheep and Lamb 4-H Club was held at the Hopkins Farm in Oley. Doctor Francisco demonstrated surgical castration of ram lambs. A raffle was held for a Cheviot ram lamb. Elaine Heffner was the winner.

On June 16th, a meeting will be held to weigh and tag all market lambs. A grooming and blocking practice session will be held.

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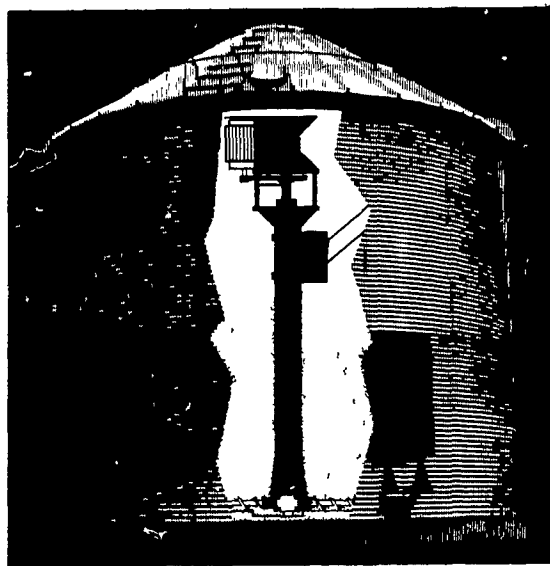
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